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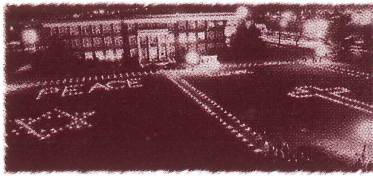
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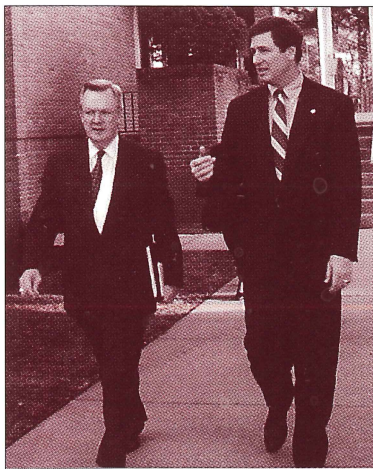
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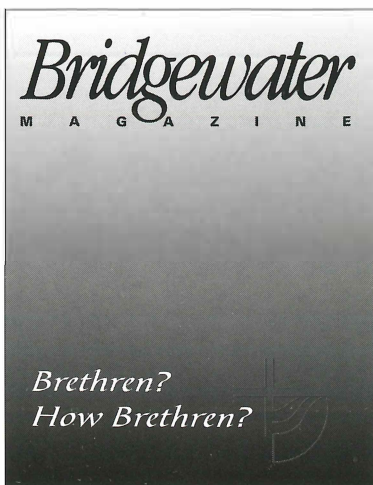




SPIRITUAL LIGHTS — Like the annual "Lighting of the Luminaries" pictured here, religious and spiritual traditions and activities are a part of the Bridgewater College experience....*See related feature beginning on Page 2, that examines B.C.'s Brethren and religious affiliation.*



GUBERNATORIAL VISIT— Governor George F. Allen (right) and Bridgewater President Phillip C. Stone stroll across campus following the Governor's announcement regarding the Tuition Assistance Grant proposal....*See related story on Page 14.*



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T H E F I R S T W O R D

As rumors went, it was fairly typical: unexpected — and unbelievable enough to perhaps make people think it could be true.

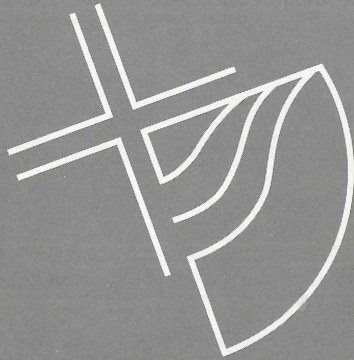
A visitor to campus approached President Stone over a year ago and asked him why Bridgewater College was severing its historic ties to the Church of the Brethren. Dr. Stone undoubtedly looked stunned and replied that, as president, he was not aware of any decision, any consideration, even any possibility that the college would consider distancing itself from the heritage in which it was founded in 1880. No, he responded, Bridgewater College is NOT ending its affiliation with the Church of the Brethren.

Since then, the rumor has continued to sprout up here and there. A message will be posted on the Internet: "I can't believe Bridgewater College is leaving the Church of the Brethren." Dr. Stone will get a letter from a concerned alumnus, asking "Is there reason to be alarmed?" by the talk of disunion.

Students, faculty and administrators have responded to the inquiries, trying to affirm the college's continuing and strong connections with the church, all the while acknowledging that questions will — and should — continue to be raised about how a church-affiliated school presents itself. How can we best be faithful to our Christian heritage and, at the same time, celebrate academic freedom and the kind of spiritual introspection that often engages maturing (perhaps even mature) adults?

This issue of *Bridgewater* looks at the questions: Brethren? How Brethren?

Let us know if you have something to add to the discussion.



Brethren? How Brethren?

by W. Robert McFadden
Anna B. Mow
Professor of Religion

Gone is the era when each school day began with worship involving the entire Bridgewater College campus community. Gone, too, is the later policy of mandatory chapel attendance.

To say, however, that the college is no longer “Brethren” fails to acknowledge both the significant number of Church of the Brethren students attending Bridgewater and the continued involvement of college personnel and alumni in church leadership both locally and nationally. Today, nearly 20 percent of the almost 1,050 full-time students are Brethren, and our current president, Dr. Phillip C. Stone, is the fourth consecutive Bridgewater president to have served at least once as Annual Conference moderator.

Student activism in the mid-1960s accelerated changes in the way Bridgewater College’s long-standing religious heritage was incorporated into student life. Founded in 1880 as Virginia’s counterpart to the German Baptist Brethren College in Pennsylvania (now Juniata), Bridgewater established a tradition of requiring students to attend chapel. In the early years, worship opened each school day; Sundays featured both afternoon Bible study and evening worship in addition to the expectation that students would attend morning church services.

Daily chapel continued through the mid-1940s when a Monday-Wednesday-Friday schedule was adopted; by 1955, chapels were held only on Monday and Wednesday, but attendance still was mandatory.

Then, during a student demonstration in the spring of 1967, during which many college policies were questioned, a sign was hoisted: “Forced Prayer Unfair.” The Council on Religious Activities, composed of faculty and students, already was discussing the chapel requirement and quickly recommended a convocation schedule of all educational programs. The next year, a few voluntary chapel services were held in the local Church of the Brethren, but they were poorly attended. It was not until the 1980s that three chapel worship services were again planned as part of each term’s morning convocation series. By that time, students were required to attend only seven of the many programs offered; they could choose whether to include the worship services.

For the past two years, convocations and chapels have been held weekly — on Tuesday mornings. One third of the programs are campus worship services. Worship attendance this past fall averaged 350, as high as I can remember for many, many years, indicating a significant religious interest on the part of our present student body.

Denominational student religious groups continue to play a meaningful role in the lives of our students. There are six active religious groups in the campus community. The Brethren Student Fellowship has been a vital fellowship for many years. This fall, it

had an average attendance of 20 persons. The Baptist Student Union also has been one of the most active denominational student groups with a similar attendance. Other groups include the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Catholic Campus Ministry.

Bible study groups meet in the residence halls in addition to such groups sponsored by the chaplain's office. Weekend retreats and community service projects lead me to the conclusion that interest in Christian activities is at an all-time high.

Sunday mornings find many students going to different

congregations and denominations in the community.

The Bridgewater Church of the Brethren reported last year that average student attendance on Sunday mornings was between 20 and 30, with more than 150 different

students attending during the year.

The Bridgewater Church of the Brethren this summer will complete a new building immediately northeast of the campus, on the hill east of College Woods Drive. Like the present structure on campus, the new church will be within easy walking distance, and continued student attendance at morning services is expected.

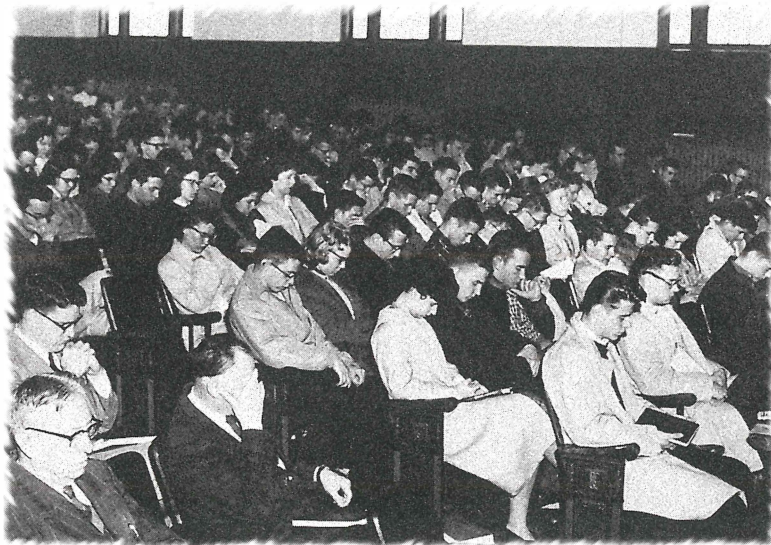
In 1959, the Women's Fellowship in the Southeastern Region of the Church of the Brethren (as it was then known) sponsored the formation of a religious activities program to be headed by a "director of student Christian life." Later that person became known as director of religious

activities; still later, the college hired a chaplain. The director/chaplain was a part-time position for many years.

From 1969-73, the Rev. Willard Dulabaum served as the college's first full-time chaplain. Thereafter, Dr. David Metzler, who taught in the Department of Philosophy and Religion, served part-time. Only recently, in 1990, was it decided to hire a chaplain to again establish a "full-time presence and program" on campus.

The Rev. Robbie Miller has done that. Although the "chaplaincy" work is still part-time, it

is center-stage — it has been clear that it is the chaplain who teaches two classes and who guides the Service Learning Center. His main work is to serve as pastor to the campus community. Chaplain Miller came to



Students, faculty and staff bow their heads in prayer during a Chapel Service in Cole Hall in 1959. Chapel attendance was mandatory for students until the late '60s.

Bridgewater with experience as chaplain on two other campuses; he brought with him vision and energy. He guides the chapel programs during the convocation hour and frequently preaches at these services.

The campus continues to be the meeting place for many denominationally-related activities, including the Spiritual Life Institute, the Bethany Seminary Extension School, the Shenandoah District Conference, the Shenandoah District Bible School, the annual Youth Roundtable and the School for Christian Learning, newly established by the Shenandoah District.

Also, from the very beginning of the Training

In Ministry (TRIM) program in the Church of the Brethren, Bridgewater College was and continues to be one of the cooperating college campuses. Bridgewater also was a founding member of the Brethren Colleges Abroad program in 1962 and regularly provides leadership on its international campuses.

Persons in the church frequently ask about the number of pre-seminary students on campus and how many students are majoring in philosophy and religion. Those numbers have changed very little during recent years. There are 27 majors in the department this year. Seven will graduate this spring with widely different vocational objectives. Eight of our graduates are currently enrolled at Bethany Theological Seminary.

As overall enrollment has increased, so has the number of students in general education classes of the Department of Philosophy and Religion. When the department moved to Bowman

Hall two years ago, we set aside a 30-chair classroom for Old and New Testament classes. Our general education curriculum requires every student to take one of these. Both sections that fall were full; for Winter Term, we moved to a 40-chair classroom. We have been there ever since, and nearly every section of Old and New Testament has filled the room.

Increasing enrollment also has meant larger philosophy and religion classes during the three-week Interterm. President Stone has taught an Interterm class in the history of the Church of the Brethren and took a maximum 30 students. The course *Archaeology and the Bible*, normally limited to 15, has been running between 20 and 25. A course on *Christian Perspectives on Violence and Peace* will have nearly 25

students this year despite the fact that it was planned as a seminar limited to 15. Other religion classes, including *Religions of the Near East* and *Religions of the Far East*, have been popular as electives for the current generation of students.

The philosophy classes also have been over-enrolled. The history of philosophy sequence attracts large numbers of some of the brightest and best students on campus. The philosophy course, *Conflict Resolution and Mediation*, has had a maximum of 25 students on the alternate years when it is offered.

"No religious preference" has become the

category that many students check for their religious background. The entering freshman class in 1997 had 6 percent who checked this category. The largest denominational category was Baptist with 20 percent, followed by Church of the Brethren, 15 percent; Catholic,

12 percent; and United Methodist, 10 percent. The percentages have been similar over the past five years.

I was involved in international student workcamps sponsored by the Brethren Service Commission in 1953 and 1960, when I was a graduate student. Those camps, while sponsored by the BSC, served a much larger community. The policies and procedures were initiated by the Church of the Brethren; the programs and practices grew out of the refugee situations to which the camps ministered. I feel that today Bridgewater College grows out of the values and the commitments of the denomination, but the educational program serves the larger community. Indeed, it would be impossible for Bridgewater College to survive serving only a denominational constituency.



Students protest against mandatory chapel attendance during a demonstration on the campus mall in 1967.

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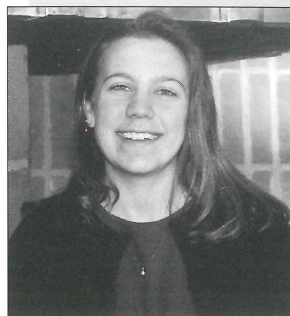
One of the paradoxes of the past 30 years is illustrated by an incident in the 1960s. A faculty forum had been planned to discuss the "Death of God" theology, which was widely debated at the time. That same evening, students and faculty celebrated an ecumenical eucharist, a communion service notable for its celebratory atmosphere and the rich spiritual experience of the large group that attended. I remember it as a highlight of my service as advisor to the Student Christian Union.

Another paradoxical event took place in the fall of 1968. Racism had been a major student issue with violent passions expressed on both sides of the integration struggle. By the late '60s, the Thanksgiving worship service turned out to be a tribute to John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy, who had been objects of hatred on the campus. The songs included "If I Had a Hammer," "Abraham, Martin and John," and "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies." A drum ensemble and dancers were part of the worship service. As one of those involved in the planning and rehearsals, I thought I would be grateful if the program simply occurred without mishap! As the worship progressed, I sat in the congregation of students, faculty and visitors and was enthralled. It turned out to be a moving religious experience in a context that, in the past, had shown bitterness and ridicule about race!

Paradoxes still exist on campus. While more and more students are indifferent to religion, many others are more deeply committed than ever to their religious traditions. While faculty members are more diverse in their religious commitments, service in the church communities is outstanding for many. While many students are more concerned about vocational plans after college than in a liberal arts education, many other students choose majors in which they will receive a liberal arts education whether it is directly related to their professional interest or not.

Are we Brethren enough? Some would say we are not. But are we still Brethren? I think the evidence is conclusive in the affirmative. ■

A Student Perspective



by Alison Flory
Senior; Philosophy and
Religion Major

Growing up in the Church of the Brethren has given me a strong sense of love, loyalty and connection with the values that make the Brethren "Brethren." I chose Bridgewater College because it is affiliated with the Church of the Brethren. I wanted to be at a school where I thought my values would be shared with the campus community and carried out with the policies of the school. In many ways I found what I was looking

for at Bridgewater, but in other ways I was disappointed.

When asked this fall by Dr. Carl F. Bowman, professor of sociology, to write a research paper on a "community," I chose the Brethren community on campus. My goal was to learn the extent a Brethren connection or identity is felt among other Brethren students, faculty and staff. Through interviews, I asked what Brethren values are; if there was a Brethren community and identity on campus; why they came to B.C. (either as students or as employees); if they feel B.C. upholds Brethren values; and if B.C. met their expectations of a Church of the Brethren school.

I ended up with a range of answers to some of my questions and a consensus on others. All of my interviewees agreed that service, simple living, pacifism and a sense of community are some of the core Brethren values and beliefs. For the most part those interviewed felt that Bridgewater College does a good job of emphasizing service and community, but pacifism is one value that Bridgewater does not uphold.

Most of the interviewees agree that Bridgewater College has a Brethren community and identity if it is sought out. For some students, seeking out a Brethren community is an acceptable part of a Brethren institution. For others, not having a strong Brethren community present leaves them feeling lost and misguided. All but one faculty member found that Bridgewater was not what they were expecting. Bridgewater is not a place where Brethren identity is clear and unquestionable. The identity is here if you wish to find it.

The Brethren identity and community found at Bridgewater College are here because Brethren students seek each other out and hold onto their Brethren values. Bridgewater does uphold many Brethren values, but fails to uphold others. There is a strong sense that if Bridgewater College promotes its Brethren identity as being an important part of who we are, then Bridgewater has a responsibility to uphold the values and beliefs of the Church of the Brethren. ■

From the Chaplain

When asked how I as Chaplain relate Bridgewater College to the Church of the Brethren, several things come to mind. Last year our Deputation Program, under the able direction of senior Emily Shonk, sent 24 student teams to Church of the Brethren con-



gregations in three states and four districts to provide leadership for Sunday morning services.

For the last several years, six Bridgewater students have provided 10 weeks of service in Church of the Brethren-related camps through the Summer Christian Experience Scholarship program. Groups of Bridgewater students devoted their spring breaks to serving others through the Brethren Disaster Response Program in Homestead, Fla., in 1992 and Richmond, Mo., in 1993. For the last two years, the Shenandoah District of the Church of the Brethren has provided vans for our Alternative Spring Break experiences with Habitat for Humanity in Miami and New Orleans.

Last year, the weekly Seekers Bible Study I lead used a study guide I wrote for the *Generation Why* youth curriculum series, produced by the Church of the Brethren and General Conference Mennonite Church. This year, the group used a *People of the Covenant* book produced by the Church of the Brethren and Disciples of Christ Church.

On a more personal level, I have endeavored to honor and encourage traditional Brethren positions on service, peace, and social justice by advising our campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity, supporting our campus chapter of Amnesty International, and raising concerns about the presence of military recruiters on campus. The Bridgewater College Forum for Religious Studies, of which I am a member, has sponsored three conferences on campus, co-sponsored one conference at Eastern Mennonite University, and published three books on Anabaptist and Pietist themes.

In addition to these denominationally-focused endeavors, other programs at Bridgewater nurture the ethical and spiritual development of our students as well. Each fall the Student Council on Religious Activities (SCRA) sponsors the *One Sky One World* International Kite Fly for Peace and the Oxfam America Fast for a World Harvest. Every spring SCRA plans the annual Bridgewater College and community CROP Meal and Walk which last year raised a record \$7,000 for Church World Service's hunger relief, education, and development programs. Our recently established Service-Learning Center provides resources for Bridgewater students to fulfill their annual Personal Development Portfolio service-learning requirement in settings as varied as the Bridgewater Retirement Community, the Bridgewater Area Inter-Church Food Pantry, John Wayland Elementary School, and the Virginia Wildlife Center.

Without being sectarian or preferential in focus, the Office of the Chaplain seeks to honor and support in these tangible ways our relationship to the Church of the Brethren which has done so much to shape our institutional character and educational mission.

■ — Robert Miller, Chaplain

Linking -- Campus -- -- Church -- and Community

From the Office of Church Relations

The Bridgewater College Office of Church Relations serves as a link between the college and the Church of the Brethren. A variety of activities and programs are administered by the Church Relations Office to foster the sharing of information and resources, and to enhance the relationship between the college and the church.

The **Mission '90s** program is coordinated by the Church of the Brethren district offices to encourage churches to offer financial support to the college. Currently the college receives approximately \$120,000 annually from 90 congregations. The Church Relations Office supplies each district with brochures about the college to distribute to churches. The college also hosts an annual dinner on campus for its major church contributors in the Shenandoah District.

The **Spiritual Life Institute**, co-sponsored by Bridgewater College and Bethany Theological Seminary, is an outgrowth of the Bible College offered during the early days of B.C. Pastors, deacons, and lay persons participate in the two-day institute. Each participant attending at least 10 hours is offered continuing education credit by the Bethany Academy.

To foster **Church Relations**, two letters – one in the fall and one in the early spring – are mailed to all pastors. The purpose of the letters is to update the pastor and congregation on campus life, and to encourage pastors to visit their students on campus. The early spring letter also highlights the Spiritual Life Institute.

The **Church District Trustees** are six members of the college's Board of Trustees who are nominated by their respective districts and seated as full members of the board. These trustees form the nucleus of the Church/College Relations Committee. They are joined by an additional person from each district to provide the college with information, students and financial resources in support of the college's mission.

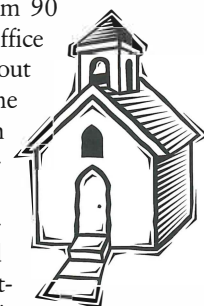
The college attends the six district conferences with a display and greetings, and participates, with five sister institutions, at the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference.

Bridgewater College hosts the region's **Youth Cabinet** that sponsors the Church of the Brethren Roundtable each spring. This Roundtable brings approximately 400 youth to the B.C. campus each year.

Bridgewater College is a co-sponsor for the **Forum for Religious Studies**, an ecumenical group established to continue scholarly research and conversation on the Anabaptist and Pietist traditions on which the Church of the Brethren was founded.

A **Church of the Brethren Grant**, a tuition grant of \$2,500 for resident students and \$1,500 for commuting students, is awarded by Bridgewater College to each student who is a member of the Church of the Brethren.

■ — Jim Bryant, Director Church Relations



Alumni Views

We asked several alumni to share their thoughts as to whether, and how, Bridgewater nurtured their faith. They came to B.C. with different faith heritages, in different decades and to pursue different goals. Their experiences were diverse. How did their time at B.C. influence their Brethren and/or their spiritual lives? Is Bridgewater "Brethren"? Here are their responses.

Having grown up Southern Baptist in Virginia, and after attending a Moravian boarding school for girls in Pennsylvania, I arrived in Bridgewater with little to no knowledge of the Church of the Brethren. Over the next four years, I discovered the similarities between the Church of the Brethren and the reformed Moravian tradition and became fairly comfortable, for a while, in this atmosphere.

After taking a course in Religious studies – I believe my sophomore year – that all changed. The different ideas of Biblical research that were then pouring forth was a shock to my Southern Baptist upbringing. For the first time, I questioned fiercely all of religion, the existence of God, and I withdrew from all religious activity for over six years. Looking back now, the hurt and betrayal I felt about what I had been taught as a child prompted me to question sincerely during those years,

and to be a critical thinker when I was ready to go back. There have been fewer assumptions made on what someone else has told me than if I had never been exposed to something different.

I see this exposure as a very important part of my development as an adult and as a maturing (always reforming!) Presbyterian Christian. Having these experiences made it easier for me to accept my journeys from the Southern Baptist Church, to the Congregational, and finally to the Presbyterian Church. ■ — Georgia Ann Snell



*Rev. Georgia Ann Snell
Class of '67*

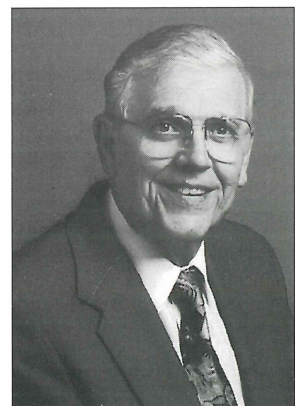
Associate Minister, First Congregational Church – Nantucket, Mass.

Three generations before my time, there was a strong (Brethren) church objection to higher education on the basis that it destroyed the simple faith taught and subscribed to by the local church. Despite such suspicions, my grandfather saw to it that all his children went to college. Living in that tradition, college was not viewed by my family as a threat, but as an opportunity to grow in both knowledge and faith. And that proved to be my experience.

I believe the same option is open to students attending Bridgewater in this generation. The current flap about Bridgewater's relationship to the Church of the Brethren can be answered in several ways. Does it have ties to the Church of the Brethren? Yes, historically and presently.

Is it embarrassed by those ties? Definitely not. It has Church of the Brethren employees in the administration and faculty and, with Board of Trustee support, continues strong relations with local and denominational church agencies.

How Brethren is it? The Church of the Brethren has no creed, but subscribes to the statement that the New Testament is its rule of faith and practice. That means there is no cut and dried litmus test for being Brethren. It means that the best Brethren are those who are first and foremost Christian, and then make a life-long pilgrimage to
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*Dr. Earle W. Fike Jr.
Class of '51*

Retired Brethren Minister and Teacher – Bridgewater, Va.

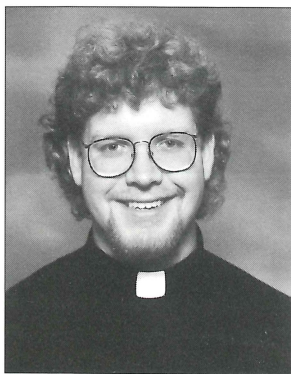
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discover, in the midst of a community of faith, how to fulfill their discipleship. As long as students are encouraged and are given the opportunity to participate in Christian activities; as long as they are allowed to give witness to concerns for peace and reconciliation; and as long as they not only grow in knowledge but also in an eagerness to make life a vocation of serving God and neighbor, Bridgewater can rightly be counted as Brethren. ■ — Earle W. Fike Jr.

In many respects my faith as a Christian was nurtured at Bridgewater. Fortunately the environment which Bridgewater created allowed me the freedom to question, challenge, reject and ultimately embrace my faith. I am pleased that none of the courses that I took from the philosophy and religion department presented any particular religious doctrines as true or false, right or wrong. Those were conclusions that we were to make for ourselves. In the same respect I always felt that my professors were available outside of class to help me in my struggles, be it in continuing to challenge me directly or simply offer perspectives which could bring some clarity. My professors never forced one belief or another in that setting either.

While my faith as a Christian was ultimately strengthened in many respects because of Bridgewater, my faith as a Lutheran was not. I was encouraged to participate in the Christian groups and activities but more often than not, those groups and activities were so closely affiliated with the Church of the Brethren that I didn't participate because I couldn't relate. I saw myself as a denominational outsider. There was very little done in the true sense of ecumenism. ■

—James Armentrout



James Armentrout
Class of '95

Vicar (intern), Pleasant View Lutheran Church – Indianapolis, Ind.

Editor's Note: James is in his third year in the Master of Divinity degree program at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, S.C.

I chose Bridgewater College over a state institution because I expected my Brethren beliefs and faith to be nurtured there.

Dr. Paul H. Bowman was president and a majority of my teachers were Brethren. My college friends were mostly from strong Brethren backgrounds and were a positive influence on me. I participated in campus activities that uplifted Christian values: the Student Christian Movement (composed of many Brethren students who later assumed major leadership roles in the Church), evening devotions in the dorms, and chapel services. There I heard inspiring speakers, often Brethren leaders. I especially remember an address on "Social Conscience," advocating a lifestyle that intentionally keeps in mind the total good of society and the natural environment.

I consider my experiences and deep interest in the Brethren camping program a "fringe benefit" of Bridgewater College. As a student I was privileged to be a leader at Camp Bethel where I learned to know such outstanding Brethren leaders as Dan West, Raymond Peters, Sister Anna Mow and Churia White.

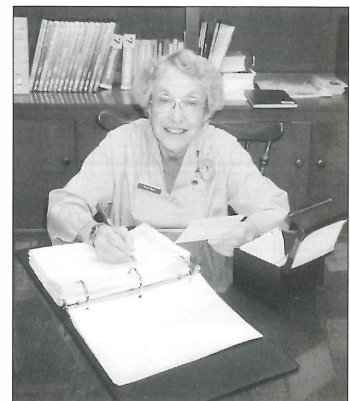
Currently I am treasurer for the Inter-district Youth Cabinet composed of outstanding Brethren students from surrounding districts. One of their responsibilities is the sponsorship of the annual roundtable which brings hundreds of Brethren youth to the campus.

In recent years there seems to be a more "Christian" atmosphere on campus with students being challenged to excel from their inner beings. I feel there is a healthy balance between the emphasis

being put on Brethren beliefs and the beliefs of other persuasions.

Yes, I am indeed grateful for the way my Brethren beliefs and faith were nurtured at Bridgewater College. I am proud to be an alumna of the B.C. class of '42. ■

—Millie Mundy



Millie Mundy
Class of '42

Retired, Weekday Religious Educator; Volunteer, Bridgewater Retirement Community – Bridgewater, Va.

CAMPUS NEWS



AN ALLEN EAGLE?! — President Stone presents Gov. George Allen (left) with a Bridgewater College baby shirt, describing it as an early recruitment move for the baby Gov. and Mrs. Allen are expecting in March.

Governor Visits B.C.

Virginia Governor George F. Allen came to the Bridgewater College campus to announce his proposal to raise the Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) for Virginia residents attending private colleges in Virginia from \$2,000 a year to \$2,600.

Gov. Allen, who completed his term in January, released highlights of his 1998-2000 budget proposal in a series of events around the state in December.

At Bridgewater, he was met by several hundred students, many of them sporting big red buttons saying "Thanks for TAG." The governor noted that he had been impressed by the number of college students and parents who had written notes of appreciation to him for the interest he has shown in TAG.

Bridgewater President Phillip C. Stone responded that the TAG is available to more than 650 Bridgewater students and is an important part of their financial aid package.

The Virginia legislature established the TAG program some 20 years ago, recognizing that keeping private colleges affordable through financial aid is more cost-effective than increasing enrollment in the state-supported colleges.

■ — Ellen K. Layman

McKINNEY – SPOERLEIN – LANTZ Scholarships Announced

Bridgewater College students are becoming the direct beneficiaries of several staunch and generous supporters of the college.

Beginning in the 1998-99 academic year, enhanced scholarships named in memory of the late Robert M. McKinney of Westminster, Md., the late Randall G. Spoerlein of New Windsor, Md., and the late Charles D. Lantz of Broadway, Va., are being awarded to assist students associated with particular interests of the donors.

"The legacies of Dr. McKinney, Mr. Spoerlein and Mr. Lantz are characterized by leadership, practical good sense and generosity," said Bridgewater President Phillip C. Stone. "It is an honor for the college to be able to perpetuate their memories through special scholarships. Our top students will become heirs to their vision and thoughtfulness."

McKinney, whose nearly \$11 million bequest following his death in 1992 is the largest gift ever received by the college, is being remembered through up to 25 full-tuition scholarships and a series of financial grants built on the college's popular Achievement in a Community of Excellence (ACE) scholarship program.

In recognition of McKinney's affection for and service to Carroll County, Md., full tuition **McKINNEY SCHOLARSHIPS** will be offered to the top five graduates in each of Carroll County's five public high schools. For 1998-99, the McKinney Scholarship is valued at \$14,010; if the student maintains a 3.2 grade point average, the scholarship will be renewed annually (for a total four-year award of more than \$56,000 per student) and adjusted to match any changes in tuition.

The **McKINNEY ACE SCHOLARSHIPS**, available to all applicants regardless of residence, are an extension of the original ACE scholarships which funded up to 50 percent of tuition for outstanding students, based on their rank in their high school graduating class.

Now named in honor of McKinney, a Bridgewater College trustee who was a research chemist, the new ACE program also includes a **McKinney ACE 10 Plus Scholarship** of 60 percent of tuition for entering freshmen ranked in the top 5 percent of their high school classes. Also eligible for the ACE 10 Plus aid are students in the top 10 percent of their high school classes if they live in Carroll, Frederick or Baltimore counties in Maryland or the city of Baltimore.

The **McKinney ACE 10 Scholarship** awards 50 percent of tuition for those in the top 10 percent of their graduating classes; the **McKinney ACE 20 Scholarship** awards 33 percent of tuition for graduates in the top 11-20 percent of

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Trustee Transition

Three Church of the Brethren representatives on the college's Board of Trustees completed their service and were recognized by the board during its fall meetings Oct. 30 and 31.

Doris Niswander Albaugh of Westminster, Md., who represented the church's Mid-Atlantic District; Dr. Harry M. Gardner of Harrisonburg, representing the Shenandoah District; and Lynn N. Myers of Boones Mill, Va., representing the Virilina District, were ineligible for re-election to the board.

Wayne E. Spangler of Vienna, Va., was nominated by Mid-Atlantic District and elected by the board to succeed Mrs. Albaugh. Mr. Spangler is a retired high school guidance counselor and a 1953 graduate of Bridgewater.

The Shenandoah and Virilina district representatives will be elected at the April meeting.

Six Church of the Brethren districts hold seats on the Board of Trustees.

At a dinner for the trustees on Oct. 30, President Phillip C. Stone commended Mrs. Albaugh, Dr. Gardner and Mr. Myers for their service and encouraged their continued involvement with college activities.

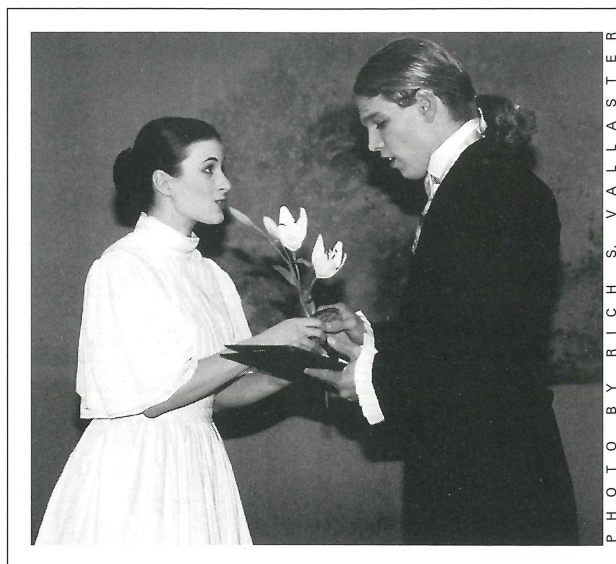
Also joining the board was Dr. Mervin L. Trail of New Orleans, who was elected for a term expiring in 2001. Dr. Trail is chancellor of the Louisiana State University Medical Center, a 1955 Bridgewater alumnus and the winner in 1995 of the college's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Sidney Aldhizer Beeson was elected an honorary trustee. Mrs. Beeson, who lives at Broadway, Va., is a sister of the late George S. Aldhizer II, for whom the Department of Economics and Business is named. The Aldhizer-Beeson Conference Room in Bowman Hall honors both Mrs. Beeson and her sister, Mary Moore Aldhizer of Harrisonburg, for their generous support of and affection for Bridgewater College. Mrs. Beeson, now retired, formerly was assistant personnel director for the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C.

Re-elected to the board for five-year terms were Pasco M. Bowman II of Kansas City, Mo.; Andrew W. Fike of Oakland, Md.; Josephine S. Wampler of Mountain City, Tenn.; and James L. Wilkerson of Crewe, Va.

Mr. Fike represents the West Marva District of the Church of the Brethren on the board, and Mrs. Wampler represents the denomination's Southeastern District.

The board also re-elected its officers. W. Wallace Hatcher of Broadway, Va., will continue as chairman of the board, with Marion E. Mason and Anne Murray Reid as vice chairs; William D. Wampler as secretary; Elizabeth G. Hylton as assistant secretary; and Melvin D. Wampler as treasurer. ■ — Ellen K. Layman



A GIFT — A young Emily Dickinson, portrayed by senior Brenna Fawley, gives a white lily, which became her calling card of sorts, to her friend and mentor Mr. Higginson, played by junior Clark Ritchie, during the Pinion Players fall production of "Come Slowly, Eden: A Portrait of Emily Dickinson."

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their classes; and the **McKinney ACE 30 Scholarship** awards 25 percent of tuition for those finishing in the top 21-30 percent of their classes.

Spoerlein, a Carroll County contemporary of McKinney's and a former mayor of New Windsor, gave the college more than \$1.125 million in gifts during his lifetime and as bequests following his death in 1991.

A **SPOERLEIN GRANT** of \$2,000 per year will be awarded to a number of Maryland residents ranked in the top 50 percent of their graduating classes who do not qualify for full-tuition President's Merit Scholarships, McKinney Scholarships or a McKinney ACE 10 Plus Scholarship. The Spoerlein Grant can be used to supplement the other ACE scholarships.

In Virginia, a new **LANTZ ACE 10 PLUS SCHOLARSHIP** will be available, in tribute to C.D. Lantz, a life trustee of the college and a respected builder and church leader in Rockingham County who died in 1996. Lantz, who gave the college nearly \$1.2 million, also was a generous benefactor of his church, the Linville Creek Church of the Brethren, and the Bridgewater Home.

The Lantz ACE 10 Plus Scholarship, valued at 60 percent of tuition, will be awarded to students who either attend Linville Creek Church of the Brethren or are graduates of Broadway (Va.) High School and who rank in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating classes.

A full description of the college's financial aid program is available by contacting the college's Admissions Office at 1-800-759-8328. ■ — Ellen K. Layman

The State of Disunion

Dr. James Davison Hunter, the William R. Kenan Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies at the University of Virginia, and Bridgewater's 1997 Anna Mow lecturer, delivered two lectures, *Coming of Age on the Post-Modern Frontier* and *The State of Disunion*, on the B.C. campus in October. Dr. Hunter, brought a message of the future — a future which lacks direction and moral order.

Dr. Hunter stated that "the modern and post-modern world undermines the possibility of a coherent moral sense of purpose." A growing dominance of consumerism and lack of moral guidance is what is ripping America at its seams. Consumerism has caused people to value goods for their image and style over their design and use. In this society, the use of knowledge has moved from science to this "consumeristic" mentality where everything is for sale, even identity.

Dr. Hunter said that a student's first order in college is not to pick a career or major — instead they need to find a personal or moral purpose outside of their self. Without this individual sense of moral purpose, there will be a breakdown of American institutions because of the breakdown or lack of a moral vision.

Dr. Hunter is well known at Bridgewater because of his work with Dr. Carl F. Bowman, professor and chair of the Department of Sociology, on one of the most extensive surveys on American political culture, *The State of Disunion: 1996 Survey of American Political Culture*.

Dr. Hunter received his B.A. in sociology and history from Gordon College and his M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from Rutgers University. He has published two other well-known titles, *The Culture Wars* and *Before the Shooting Begins*, and he is currently the director of the Post-Modernity Project at the University of Virginia.

■ — Rich S. Vallaster, '99

Physics Phenomenon

Dr. Robert C. Richardson, the F.R. Newman Professor of Physics at Cornell University and a winner of the 1996 Nobel Prize in physics, presented a lecture on *The World Near Absolute Zero Temperature* on Nov. 6. This was the first time in the history of the college that a Nobel Prize-winning physicist has spoken at Bridgewater.

Dr. Richardson's humorous lecture was filled with demonstrations that captured and bewildered the audience; the most notable was his placing liquid nitrogen in his mouth. His lecture explored what happens to gases, liquids and solids when cooled to near absolute zero, the history of temperature and his discovery, along with two other men, of superfluidity in helium-3 for which they won the Nobel prize.

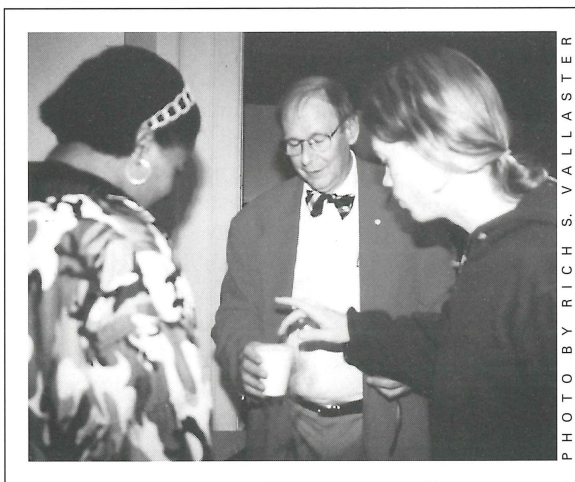
Superfluidity is the phenomenon that occurs when atoms are cooled to near absolute zero (minus 273.15 degrees Celsius or nearly minus 460 degrees Fahrenheit). At extreme low temperatures they lose their classical pattern of random movement and instead move in a coordinated pattern. Helium-3 achieves superfluidity at about two thousandths of a degree above absolute zero. Richardson emphasized that there is nothing less than absolute zero. During his lecture, Richardson also demonstrated superconductivity with magnets and liquid nitrogen.

Dr. Richardson became interested in the field of low temperature physics because "there were new things to discover and new phenomena to see." He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in physics at Virginia Tech and a Ph.D., also in physics, from Duke University in 1966. He joined the Cornell faculty as a research associate in 1966 and, since 1990, has directed Cornell's Laboratory of Atomic and Solid State Physics.

■ — Rich S. Vallaster, '99



ONE SOCIOLOGIST TO ANOTHER — Dr. James Davison Hunter (center) speaks with Dr. Mwizenge Tembo, assistant professor of sociology, at a reception following Dr. Hunter's address.



THAT'S COOL — Sophomore Nathan McCann (right) takes his cue from Dr. Robert Richardson to stick his finger in a cup of liquid nitrogen as junior Tennelle Smith looks on.

STUDENT LIFE



The 1997-'98 Bridgewater College Chorale

Off to the Orient

The land of silk, jade and the Great Wall beckons. The Bridgewater College Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Jesse E. Hopkins Jr., has scheduled a 13-day concert tour of China following Commencement in May.

The tour is the fourth in a series of international performance tours undertaken by the Chorale, a select group of 25 voices that each year prepares sacred and secular programs for presentation on campus and throughout the mid-Atlantic region. In 1990, the group performed in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria; in 1992, it toured Poland, Germany and France; in 1994, it completed a Scandinavian tour, with concerts in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Iceland.

The China tour departs May 15 and features two concerts in Beijing and single performances in Nanjing, Shanghai and Hangzhou. In addition to the concerts, the group will attempt to see as much of the four cities and surrounding countryside as the travel schedule permits.

Highlights will include climbing the Great Wall and visits to Tiananmen Square, the Nanjing River Bridge crossing the Yangtze River, the Jade Buddha Temple in Shanghai and the famous botanical gardens of Hangzhou.

Traveling with the Chorale will be President Phillip C. Stone and several alumni and parents.

Contributions to the college's Chorale Fund underwrite a portion of the students' expenses.

■ — Ellen K. Layman

Look Mom, I'm on TV!

Several Bridgewater College students attended the Commission on Presidential Debates Symposium at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., Oct. 20-21. The symposium was held to plan for the upcoming 2000 debates and to discuss pertinent issues to the presidential campaign process.

The Bridgewater group was led by Dr. Jeff Pierson, assistant professor of communications and director of forensics.

The symposium's first day was broadcast live in the United States via the C-Span network. Lesley Mason, Chris Obenshain and I spoke live on national TV. It was quite an experience to suddenly have glaring lights, a television audience

and a huge television camera in your face. It was hard not to be nervous. Then when I looked at the panel of distinguished guests, the fright set in! Several of us spoke more than once, and each time it got a little easier. We also had a chance to mingle and speak one-on-one with national media personalities like Mike McCurry, Cokie Roberts, Ann Compton, Gwen Ifill and Hal Bruno, just to name a few. It was exciting, rewarding and motivating for all of us to speak with such greats. Lesley Mason also was quoted in an October *USA Today* article pertaining to politics.

Both days of the symposium have been broadcast since the event and will repeatedly be broadcast on C-Span until the 2000 elections. Many of us are still receiving press as well as phone calls when people catch us on TV. Some of the students hope to land jobs in television or politics because of this. I still call home when I know I am on TV and say...Look Mom, I'm on TV!

■ — Rich S. Vallaster, '99



IN THE SPOTLIGHT — Students make a name for themselves and Bridgewater College at the Commission on Presidential Debates Symposium. Attending the symposium (left to right) were Chris Obenshain, Evan Garber, Lesley Mason, John Javelle and Rich Vallaster.

FACULTY & STAFF NOTES

Dr. William Abshire, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, was named by President Phillip C. Stone to serve as chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, effective Oct. 1. Dr. Abshire, who came to Bridgewater in 1987, succeeded **Dr. Robert McFadden**, the Anna B. Mow Professor of Religion, as department chair.

On Sept. 28, Dr. Abshire gave a presentation on philosophical and religious issues as part of a Staunton (Va.) community panel on "End-of-Life Decision Making."

Ms. Joi Brown, director of grants and research, co-authored a paper, "Enhancing the Quality of Consumers' Lives: Perceptual, Attitudinal and Usage Behavior of Ophthalmologists and Optometrists," with Dr. B.J. Dunlap, professor of marketing at Western Carolina University (N. C.). The paper was presented at the first annual International Society for Quality of Life Studies held Nov. 20-23 in Charlotte, N. C.

Dr. David E. Coffman, associate professor of education, served as a reviewer for the 1998 American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education annual meeting. The theme for the '98 conference is *Lessons From the Past: Challenges for the Future*. The papers Dr. Coffman reviewed were "Who are the Teachers and Teacher Educators of the Future?" and "Who is Responsible for the Education of Educators?"

Prof. Nan R. Covert, assistant professor of art, presented a lecture at Blue Ridge Community College on Oct. 15. She showed slides of her work and spoke on her experience as an artist who is also a teacher, wife and mother living in rural Virginia.

Dr. James W. Eaton, professor of economics and business administration, served as editor, along with Frederic S. Mishkin, for the 1997 Readings to accompany *The Economics of Money, Banking, and Financial Markets*, Fourth

Edition by Frederic S. Mishkin. The *Reader*, updated annually, includes articles on electronic means of payment, inflation-indexed bonds, the yield curve as a predictor of recessions, the effect of budget deficit cuts on the dollar, corporate finance markets, small business lending and bank mergers.

Dr. Stanley A. Galloway, assistant professor of English, is the author of "Mike Resnick: From Fan to Frontrunner," published in *Burroughs Bulletin* NS #30 (Spring 1997):19-24. The article is an evaluation of the science fiction of Mike Resnick from his earliest writing, which was an amateur Edgar Rice Burroughs "sequel," to a sampling of his current work.

President-emeritus Wayne F. Geisert was the featured speaker, Oct. 5, at New Basel United Church of Christ on the 130th anniversary of its founding. Dr. Geisert, who grew up in the New Basel church, also spoke at its 100th anniversary in 1967.

Dr. Nancy Glomb, associate professor of education, presented a paper at the 1997 conference of the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children held in Savannah, GA., Nov. 12-14. The paper, "Field-Based Experiences in Cross-Disciplinary Collaborative Problem-Solving," was co-authored by Dr. Krista Swensson, supervisor of exceptional students in Rockingham County (Va.) Public Schools.

Dr. Harriett E. "Betsy" Hayes, assistant professor of sociology, co-authored a paper with Dr. Elizabeth L. Clemens, principal investigator of The Gerontology Institute at the University of Massachusetts-Boston. The article, "Assessing and Balancing Elder Risk, Safety and Autonomy: Decision-Making Practices of Health Care Professionals," was printed in the *Home Health Care Services Quarterly*, Vol. 16(3) 1997, by The Haworth Press Inc. The paper is the result of a study of 15 professionals interviewed to provide understanding of how



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TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT — Allie Hurst (far right), a fifth-grader from John Wayland Elementary School in Bridgewater, isn't as sure as her classmates about touching the snake held by Dr. Gavin Lawson, assistant professor of biology. The fifth-graders visited the classrooms of several B.C. science faculty who demonstrated aspects of their discipline to the students.

eldercare workers conceptualize and assess risk with frail elderly clients.

Dr. Michael Hill, the Harry G. M. Jopson Professor of Biology, gave a lecture, "Plant Reproduction and the Evolution of the Diploid State," to the Shenandoah Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society Nov. 6 in the McKinney Center for Science and Mathematics on Bridgewater's campus. Dr. Hill was chair of the steering committee which formed this chapter and has served three times as chapter president.

Drs. Jesse E. Hopkins Jr. and K. Gary Adams, professors of music, have accepted an invitation from Educational Testing Service to serve as reviewers and writers for the Undergraduate Major Field Test Program in Music. During the next few months, they will evaluate current tests and write new questions for future tests.

Prof. Michael Hough, assistant professor of art, attended the second Virginia Clay Conference held the weekend of Sept. 5-7, in Front Royal, Va. Prof. Hough served as resident "Glaze Doctor" for the event, billed as "A Potter's Weekend in the Blue Ridge," diagnosing glaze problems, offering possible solutions and clarifying terms and techniques for many of the participants. He also presented his own work in slide form at an open forum on Saturday evening.

Dr. David C. Huffman, associate professor of economics, presented a paper, "Assisting Workers in Declining Industries: A Case Study of Nippon Steel in Hokkaido, Japan," at the western conference of the Association of Asian Studies held at the University of Colorado in Boulder. The paper, a study of Nippon Steel's policies of assisting workers during the late 1980s production cutback at Muroran in southern Hokkaido, draws on research Dr. Huffman completed while on sabbatical directing the Brethren Colleges Abroad program in Sapporo, Japan, during the 1995-'96 academic year.

Dr. Stephen Longenecker, associate professor of history, had his review of *Bond*

of *Iron: Master and Slave at Buffalo Forge* by Charles Dew, appear in the July 1997 issue of *Mennonite Quarterly Review*. The book is about William Weaver, owner of an iron forge in Rockbridge County (Va.), one of the largest slaveholders in the Shenandoah Valley, and the great-grandson of Alexander Mack Sr.

Dr. Lynn McGovern-Waite, associate professor of Spanish, became president of the Foreign Language Association of Virginia during its fall conference held Nov. 6-8 in Richmond, Va. As chair of the Public Advocacy Committee, Dr. McGovern-Waite reported on three letter-writing campaigns initiated by the committee over the past year. She also launched a new letter-writing campaign at the conference requesting more foreign language education funds. Over 200 letters were written by participants and sent to Virginia's senators and representatives. The conference also was attended by **Dr. Susan L. Piepke**, associate professor of foreign languages.

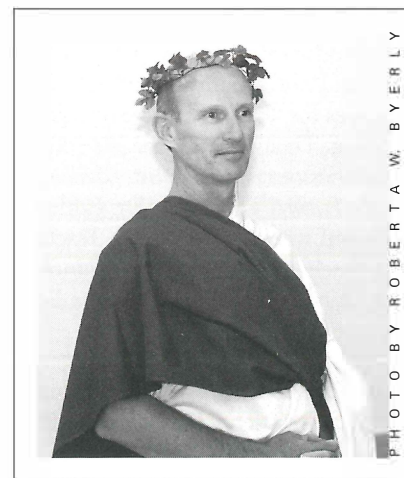
Dr. Jeffrey H. Pierson, assistant professor of communication and director of forensics, has been invited to chair a panel at the 88th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Communication Association to be held in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., in April 1998. The panel, "Interpretations of Interpretation: When Does Interpretation Become Acting?: A Roundtable Discussion," continues the recent exchange started on the forensics listserv (IE-L) regarding the characteristics that distinguish competitors in intercollegiate interpretation events from actors. Panelists will include faculty from Bloomsburg University, George Mason University, Morgan State University and Ohio University. The Eastern Communication Association is the oldest scholarly organization devoted to the study of communication in the United States.

Dr. Mwizenge S. Tembo, assistant professor of sociology, had his poem, "My Beautiful Bird," accepted for publication in the March edition of *The Creative Arts and Science Enterprises* in its anthology "Echoes of Destiny."

Prof. Kimberly Wright, assistant professor of physical education and director of the aquatics program, served as a member of the advisory committee for the American Red Cross Publication *First Aid: Responding to Emergencies*, Second Edition, published by Mosby Lifeline in 1996.

Dr. Lee M. Yoder, dean for academic affairs, and **Prof. W. Steve Watson Jr.**, associate professor of philosophy and religion and director of the Personal Development Portfolio program, presented a session, "Student Portfolio Development and Advising," at the national meeting of the National Academic Advising Association Oct. 5-8, in Kansas City, Mo.

Dr. Yoder served as Bridgewater College's representative on a panel to discuss "Issues Related to Higher Education," at Lord Fairfax Community College in December. The panel was part of the Winchester-Frederick County (Va.) Chamber of Commerce Community Leadership Program, and consisted of representatives from Bridgewater, George Mason University, Shenandoah University, Shepherd College and Lord Fairfax. ■ — Mary K. Heatwole



ANY QUESTIONS?!—Aristotle (a.k.a. Prof. W. Steve Watson, associate professor of philosophy and religion) addresses the students in "The Classical Mind," part of the History of Philosophy course. Prof. Watson uses this technique of posing as a historical figure to "try to get students into the era" and to require the students to ask genuinely relevant questions as if speaking directly to the ancient philosopher.

Yoder Leaves — Interim Dean Announced

Dr. Lee M. Yoder, who has served Bridgewater College as dean for academic affairs and as professor of education since 1992, is leaving his current post as of June 30, 1998.

In announcing Dr. Yoder's departure, President Phillip C. Stone noted "I have found Dean Yoder to be a talented, energetic and creative educator. His ideas and work have made a significant contribution to Bridgewater College. His suggestions for change, his bringing outstanding resource persons to the campus, his sense of excitement at the prospect of new ways of doing things, and his facilitating skills have impressed us all."

While at Bridgewater, Dr. Yoder has been instrumental in developing the college's innovative Personal Development Portfolio (PDP) program, which links faculty advisors with small groups of students for developmental activities in eight areas, including academic achievement, leadership, cultural awareness and wellness.

Since Dr. Yoder began a sabbatical on Dec. 1, President Stone has named **Dr. Michael S. Hensley**, professor of biology at Bridgewater since 1986, to serve as interim dean for academic affairs.

In making the announcement, President Stone noted Dr. Hensley's administrative experience in the Virginia Community College System (VCCS). He was professor of biology and dean of academic and student affairs at both John Tyler Community College in Chester and Mountain Empire Community College in Big Stone Gap and also taught at Paul D. Camp Community College in Franklin.

The interim appointment continues until July 1, when a new dean is expected to join the administrative staff following a nationwide search. An advisory committee of faculty, administrators and students will conduct the search process.

■ — Ellen K. Layman

College of Characters!

Many campuses claim to have community spirit, but Bridgewater College proved it when over 300 students, faculty, and staff packed the Eagle's Nest Snack Shop for a *Faculty and Staff Coffeehouse* in October. They came to catch a glimpse of professors and peers performing under the pressure of the bright lights and with the thought of stories that circulate during Monday classes.

This second annual *Faculty and Staff Coffeehouse* attracted the largest crowd ever to attend a Coffeehouse — an on-campus entertainment series sponsored by the Kline Campus Center Program Council that typically brings outside entertainers to campus and occasionally showcases campus talent.

The seven faculty and staff acts included singing, musical skits, balloon demonstrations, humor and stand-up comedy. The program concluded with Dr. Mwizenge "Jack" Tembo, assistant professor of sociology, imitating James Brown, the Godfather of Soul.

This was a unique, wonderful show of school spirit. Often we forget how special and unique Bridgewater College is. I think this is something we won't forget for a long time. I really felt a new connection to my professors. I also believe the students had a great time. For so many faculty, students and professors to spend an evening entertaining their peers and colleagues is truly a show of the college's motto, "*College of Character; Community of Excellence.*"

■ — Story and photos by Rich S. Vallaster, '99



Dr. Mwizenge 'James Brown' Tembo



THE FOUR PROFS — Members of the B.C. sociology and psychology departments (left to right), Dr. Carl F. Bowman, Dr. Laura Desportes Echols, Dr. Betsy Hayes and Dr. Mwizenge Tembo, entertain the crowd with their version of Sam Cooke's "don't know much about" song, "Wonderful World."

History of the Brethren Church

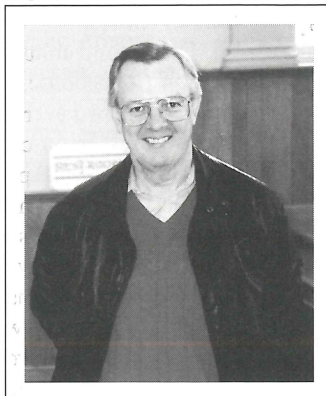
by Dr. Phillip C. Stone

Teaching a college course in Church of the Brethren history seemed like a good idea when I first agreed to do it. And at that point, months before the class started, it seemed not too difficult. As the time approached, there were growing doubts as to whether I had done the right thing. Could I really free up enough time to prepare adequately, to be on campus regularly during the class schedule, and to commit the time – and energy – to teach three hours each day for three weeks?

My fears were well-founded; it was difficult and it added to a rather heavy load I was already carrying. (In addition to my duties as college president, I had just 30 days earlier been installed as President of the Virginia Bar Association!)

While difficult, the experience was clearly worthwhile. The expenditure of time and energy was generously compensated by the pleasure of teaching, the opportunity to teach a subject I love, and the joy of working with two dozen outstanding young people. The students were great! As one might expect, most, but not all, were Brethren. More than half were Dean's List students. All participated fully and helped make my teaching experience a time of stimulation and pleasure.

Among our experiences was a trip to the Germantown, Pa., "mother church," and the Ephrata Cloisters. (Of course, we ate Pennsylvania Dutch food, too!) At Sunday worship at the Lititz (Pa.) congregation, the class was directed to note everything that



they observed or experienced which would not have been present in an early 18th century congregation. There were lots of differences!

With the benefit of two great resources: Donald Durnbaugh's *Grapes of the Vine* and Carl Bowman's *Brethren Society*, we explored not only the denomination's history, but we studied current denominational issues. Both the Brethren and non-Brethren students claimed to have developed a better

appreciation for the denomination as a result of the course.

As for me, I was intellectually stimulated to be in

the classroom again (I taught high school history and mathematics and college economics more than 25 years ago) and quite impressed with the quality of the students. A good number of the students expect to continue to be active in the Church of the Brethren. If so, what great news for the Church! ■



TOP PHOTO: President Stone on a trip with his students in Germantown, Pa. **BOTTOM PHOTO:** The graves of Alexander Mack Sr. — the founder of the Church of the Brethren — Alexander Mack Jr. and his wife Elizabeth, in the cemetery of the Germantown (Pa.) Church of the Brethren. The Germantown Congregation (est. 1729) was the first established Brethren congregation in the "New World."

FEBRUARY

Through Feb. 27

ART EXHIBIT
Prof. Michael Hough
Totems, Wall Relief Art

MARCH

2-April 8

ART EXHIBIT
Tamara Laird, Ceramics

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LYCEUM
My Children! My Africa!
A play by Athol Fugard

15-17

Spiritual Life Institute

23-24

HERSCH-WEIMER LECTURE
Susan Faludi, Author of *Backlash*

APRIL

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Founder's Day

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LYCEUM
Jon Nakamatsu, *Pianist*

16, 17, & 19

Student Directed One-Act Plays

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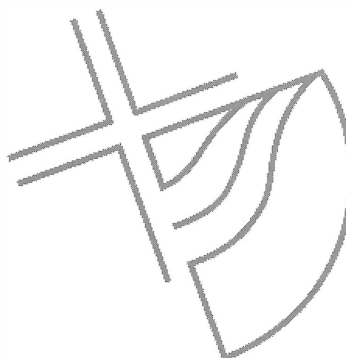
MY CHILDREN! MY AFRICA!

Set in the turbulent political and social climate of South Africa during the mid-1980s, the play centers around two high school debate team members, one white and one black, who are partnered by a teacher. Presented by *A Mixed Company*.

Tuesday, 8p.m.

Cole Hall

My Children! My Africa!



March 15-17

SPIRITUAL LIFE INSTITUTE

"Social Justice: Where Do I Serve" will be the theme of the 103rd annual Spiritual Life Institute. Focusing on service as a response to social justice issues, the Institute should challenge, inspire and motivate a renewal of service to humankind. Elaine Sollenberger, Moderator Designate, Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Dr. David Radcliff and Dr. Jimmy Ross are the Institute's featured speakers and will be joined by other noted church leaders and B.C. faculty.

Pastors and church lay leaders from the Mid-Atlantic states are invited to participate.

March 23 & 24, 1998

SUSAN FALUDI

With eloquence and precision, Ms. Faludi addresses the vital issues facing women today while challenging the "backlash" notion that feminism has become women's worst enemy. A summa cum laude alumna of Harvard University, Ms. Faludi is a former newspaper reporter and a Pulitzer prize-winning journalist for the *Wall Street Journal*.

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Cole Hall

Tuesday, 9:10 a.m.

Cole Hall



April 7, 1998

JON NAKAMATSU

The first American in 16 years and only the third American ever to win the prestigious Van Cliburn Piano Competition, Mr. Nakamatsu is a featured performer during Bridgewater's '97-'98 Lyceum Series.

Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Cole Hall



EAGLESPORTS
FALL SPORTS IN REVIEW

The men's **CROSS COUNTRY** team was led by senior Jonathan Dean of Harrisonburg, Va., who finished his Eagle career by winning All-ODAC honors in the conference championship meet. Dean finished seventh in a time of 27:56 and also won Division III All-State honors for a third consecutive time. The women's team had an all-conference honoree in freshman Amanda Beckwith from Dayton, Va., who was sixth in the conference meet with a time of 21:03. Dean and Beckwith were the Eagles' top finishers in the South/Southeast Regional meet, and both finished in the top 40.

The Eagles **FOOTBALL** team did not have the season anticipated and finished the year with a 2-8 overall record. Bridgewater ended the season on a positive note, defeating Davidson 13-10 in overtime. Bridgewater trailed 10-0 at the break before storming back in the second half; Michael Padgett's 37-yard field goal captured the squad's first-ever overtime victory. The Eagles' other victory was against Hampden-Sydney, by a score of 24-0. Richard Glover, a junior free safety from Broadway, Va., won first team All-ODAC honors for a second straight season after leading the team in tackles with 84. He also won second team All-South Region honors for a second consecutive year. The Eagles placed two other individuals on the All-ODAC first team: punter Von Lewis and center Casey Mills. Three individuals won second team all-league honors: cornerback Michael Wicks, offensive tackle Ezra Mizer and defensive tackle Randy Robbins.

The Bridgewater **FIELD HOCKEY** team had a slow start, but came on strong to finish with a respectable 9-12 record. After starting out 1-7, the Eagles closed out the second half of the season by capturing eight of its last 13 contests. Senior midfielder Amy Rafalski was voted first team All-ODAC and first team All-South Region after contributing three goals, 13 assists and vital team leadership. Sophomore Holly Ware set a team record by scoring 27 goals

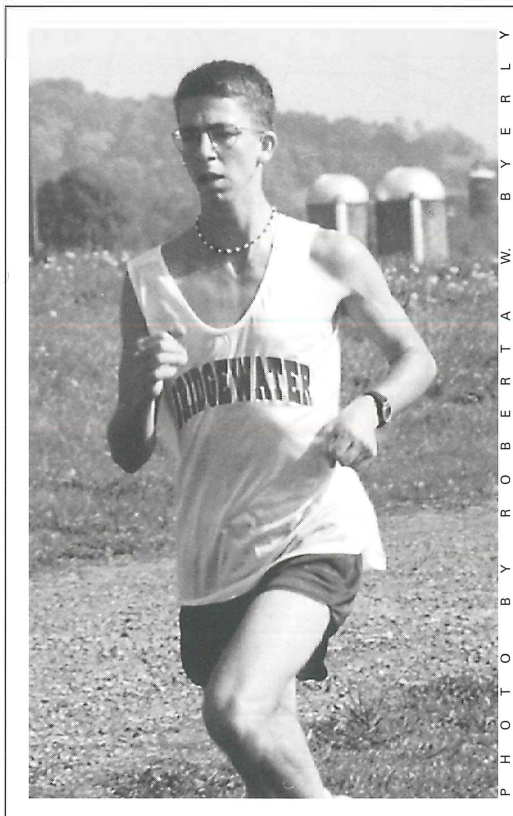
and collecting 59 total points, which led the ODAC in both departments. She captured first team All-ODAC honors and second team All-South Region laurels. Junior defensive back Amber Cropper was named second team All-ODAC. Bridgewater defeated Lynchburg, 2-0, in the first round of the ODAC tournament and then lost to Eastern Mennonite, 7-0, in the semifinals. Bridgewater's top win of the season was a quadruple-overtime victory against the Hornets at Jopson Field, as sophomore Melissa Gray fired in the game winner in the fourth overtime frame.

The Eagles men's **SOCCER** team showed vast improvement under first-year head coach Dan Ensley and tied the school record for victories by finishing with a 3-15 record. Bridgewater defeated Southern Virginia, Western Maryland and Washington Bible during the course of the season. Sophomore forward Michael Colavito paced the Eagles in scoring with five goals and two assists, and freshman Chris Stoehrmann was second on the squad with four goals. Freshman sweeper Philip Roper won second team All-ODAC honors for his sterling play in the defensive backfield.

The Bridgewater women's **VOLLEYBALL** team ended the year with a 16-13 overall record, which marked the first time since 1985 that the squad did not win 20 matches. The Eagles, however, did not have a senior on its squad and will return all of its members next year. Bridgewater was led by first team All-ODAC honoree Jenn Frack, who had a great year as a middle blocker. She led the squad in kills with

331 and in blocks with 138. The Eagles received a huge boost from sophomore setter Amy Weaver, who set a Bridgewater season record with 848 assists and led the team in service aces with 81. The Eagles captured the Bridgewater Invitational tournament by going 4-1 and downing Marymount 3-2 in the championship match.

■ — Douglas Barton



OUT IN FRONT — Senior Jonathan Dean of Harrisonburg leads the men's cross country team during the Bridgewater Invitational held at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds in October.

SPORTS

SPRING SCHEDULES

BASEBALL

February

21-22	SCAD Invitational, <i>Savannah, Ga.</i>	TBA
21	Methodist	TBA
	Savannah Art & Design	TBA
22	Maryville	TBA
	Consolation/Championship	
24	Emory University, <i>Atlanta, Ga.</i>	2:30 p.m.
25	Oglethorpe, <i>Atlanta, Ga.</i>	2:30 p.m.
27-29	Reebok Tournament, <i>Atlanta, Ga.</i>	
27	Trinity, <i>Oglethorpe</i>	Noon
28	Oglethorpe, <i>Oglethorpe</i>	12:30 p.m.
	Greensboro, <i>Oglethorpe</i>	3:30 p.m.
29	Virginia Wesleyan, <i>Emory</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Emory, <i>Emory</i>	12:30 p.m.

March

5	Washington & Lee*	3 p.m.
6	GENEVA	3 p.m.
8	Mary Washington	1 p.m.
14	GUILFORD* (2)	1 p.m.
17	N.C. Wesleyan	3 p.m.
18	SAVANNAH ART & DESIGN	3 p.m.
21	Emory & Henry* (2)	1 p.m.
24	SHENANDOAH	3 p.m.
26	Eastern Mennonite*	3 p.m.
28	HAMPDEN-SYDNEY* (2)	1 p.m.
29	RUTGERS-CAMDEN	2 p.m.
31	Greensboro	3 p.m.

April

2	WILLIAMS	3 p.m.
4	LYNCHBURG* (2)	1 p.m.
7	MARY WASHINGTON	3 p.m.
8	EASTERN MENNONITE*	3 p.m.
11	Randolph-Macon* (2)	1 p.m.
14	WASHINGTON & LEE*	3 p.m.
18	Virginia Wesleyan* (2)	1 p.m.
21	Frostburg State	3:30 p.m.
23	Ferrum	7 p.m.
25	CHOWAN	2 p.m.

May

1-3	ODAC Tournament at Lynchburg	TBA
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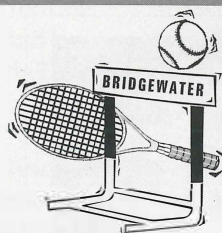
LACROSSE

March

1	Hollins Invitational	TBA
4	Mary Baldwin College	4 p.m.
10	Sweet Briar College*	4:30 p.m.
14	WASHINGTON & LEE*	1 p.m.
16	HOOD	4 p.m.
21	MARYMOUNT	2 p.m.
24	Shenandoah	4 p.m.
26	Longwood	4 p.m.
31	Lynchburg*	4 p.m.

April

2	HOLLINS*	4:30 p.m.
4	Virginia Wesleyan*	2 p.m.
5	GREENSBORO	1 p.m.
8	ROANOKE*	4 p.m.
11	GUILFORD*	2 p.m.
15	RANDOLPH-MACON*	4 p.m.
19	OBERLIN	1 p.m.
22	ODAC Tournament	TBA
	First Round, Higher Seed	
25-26	ODAC Tournament	TBA
	Semifinals and Final, Highest Seed	



TRACK & FIELD

(I) = Indoor Meet; (O) = Outdoor Meet

January

24	Lebanon Valley Invitational (I)
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February

7	VMI Winter Relays (I)
14	Dickinson Invitational (I)
20	Lynchburg Invitational (I)
27	ODAC Indoor Championship at Lynchburg (I)

March

7	Last Chance Qualifying Meet (I)
	East Tennessee State University
13-14	NCAA Div. III Indoor Championship at Brandeis (I)
14	Washington & Lee Invitational (O)
21	Roanoke Invitational (O)
28	BC INVITATIONAL (O)

April

4	Duke Invitational (O)
11	Lynchburg Invitational (O)
18	Eastern Mennonite Invitational (O)
25	ODAC OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP (O)

May

9	GMU Mizuno Invitational at George Mason (O)
15	Liberty Twilight Qualifier (O)
21-23	NCAA Division III Outdoor Championship at Macalaster (O)

WOMEN'S TENNIS

March

10	Sweet Briar*	3:30 p.m.
13	Ferrum	3:30 p.m.
17	Randolph-Macon*	3 p.m.
18	Mary Baldwin	4 p.m.
20	Greensboro	3 p.m.
21	Guilford*	1 p.m.
24	Lynchburg*	3:30 p.m.
27	Emory & Henry*	3:30 p.m.
28	WASHINGTON & LEE*	10 a.m.
31	Shenandoah	3 p.m.

April

2	EASTERN MENNONITE*	3 p.m.
5	Christopher Newport	1 p.m.
7	ROANOKE*	3 p.m.
9	RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S*	3 p.m.
15	HOLLINS*	3 p.m.
18	VIRGINIA WESLEYAN*	3 p.m.
24-26	ODAC Tournament	
	Washington & Lee	

SOFTBALL

February

22	N.C. Pembroke	2:30 p.m.
24	St. Andrews College	2 p.m.
25	Coastal Carolina (scrimmage)	2 p.m.
27	Methodist	2:30 p.m.

March

5	SHENANDOAH	2:30 p.m.
12	Eastern Mennonite*	2:30 p.m.
14	Roanoke College*	1 p.m.
16	Shepherd	2:30 p.m.
20	VIRGINIA WESLEYAN*	2:30 p.m.
21	Emory & Henry*	1 p.m.
25	Lynchburg*	2:30 p.m.
28-29	MWC Round Robin Tournament	TBA
	at Fredericksburg, VA	
	College of New Jersey	
	Christopher Newport	
	Mary Washington	
31	UNIV. MAINE AT PRESQUE ISLE 2:30 p.m.	

April

2	EASTERN MENNONITE*	2:30 p.m.
4-5	BRIDGEWATER INVITATIONAL	TBA
7	MARY WASHINGTON	3 p.m.
14	ROANOKE*	3 p.m.
20	LYNCHBURG*	3 p.m.
25-26	ODAC Tournament	TBA
	at the Moyer Complex, Salem, Va.	

GOLF

March

10	Dual Meet	Shepherd
21-22	Concord Spring Invitational	Pipestem Resort
24	Washington & Lee	Lexington
	ODAC Round Robin	
30	Hampden-Sydney	Hampden-Sydney
	ODAC Round Robin	

April

3-5	State Intercollegiate Championship	Wintergreen
16	Virginia Wesleyan	Virginia Beach
	ODAC Round Robin	
17	The Ship Builders'	Virginia Beach
	Spring Invitational	
26-28	ODAC Championship	The Crossings
		at Richmond, Va.

MEN'S TENNIS

March

10	Ferrum	3:30 p.m.
13	Christopher Newport	2 p.m.
14	Virginia Wesleyan*	10 a.m.
18	Randolph-Macon*	3 p.m.
20	ROANOKE*	3 p.m.
23	HAMPDEN-SYDNEY*	3 p.m.
28	EMORY & HENRY*	2 p.m.

April

1	Shepherd	3 p.m.
4	Greensboro	1 p.m.
6	LONGWOOD	3 p.m.
8	EASTERN MENNONITE*	3 p.m.
14	GALLAUDET	4 p.m.
17	LYNCHBURG*	3 p.m.
18	GUILFORD*	Noon
21	Shenandoah	3 p.m.
23-25	ODAC Tournament at Guilford	TBA

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Home Games in **BOLD CAPS**

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HOOP UPDATE

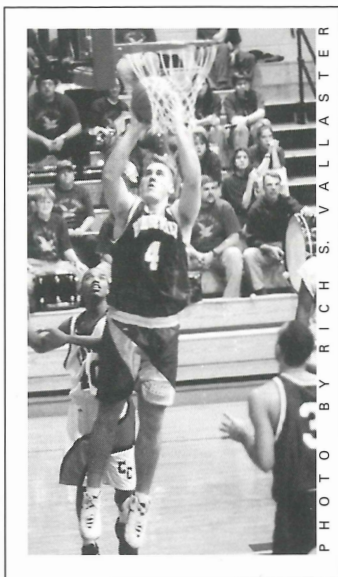
MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Bridgewater men's basketball team started off the 1997-'98 season with a 4-4 record at the Christmas break. The Eagles, coming off of a NCAA Tournament "Sweet 16" appearance a year ago, had to replace four starters and five of their top seven players. The result was up-and-down play as the Eagles had yet to solidify their team chemistry.

However, the Eagles return some talented players who could help the squad challenge for the ODAC title at the end of February. Bridgewater regained All-ODAC guard Craig Tutt, who missed last season with a foot injury (see accompanying feature). He led Bridgewater in scoring after the first seven games with a 14.9 per contest average, and he led the ODAC, hitting 20-of-23 free throws. Forward Jason Jones, a second team All-ODAC selection last year, was second on the squad with a 13.9 average, and sophomore Brad Harrington was contributing 13.3 an outing. Senior center Jonathan Orrock was the fourth Eagle in double figures with 10.6 points a game, and he led the squad with 8.1 rebounds a contest.

Bridgewater opened the year by splitting a pair of games at the Dickinson College Tournament before returning home to capture three in a row at Nininger Hall. The Eagles took their sixth consecutive Don Glick Invitational Tournament championship by defeating Eastern Mennonite, 99-92, in the finals. Jones, a senior from Ft. Defiance, Va., won MVP honors after scoring 25 points and grabbing 13 rebounds to pace the Eagles. Bridgewater ended the early season before Christmas break by losing three in a row, including a 61-57 loss to Eastern Mennonite at the James Madison University Convocation Center.

"We have to remain optimistic after losing five of our top seven players," said head coach Bill Leatherman, who has a 190-133 record at Bridgewater. "I knew that it would be rough going early, but we have seen signs of improvement, especially from our freshman class. We hope to get better as the season goes along and be playing our best basketball in February." ■ — Douglas Barton



UP FOR TWO — Senior center Jason Jones in the first round game of the Don Glick Invitational against Capital College.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

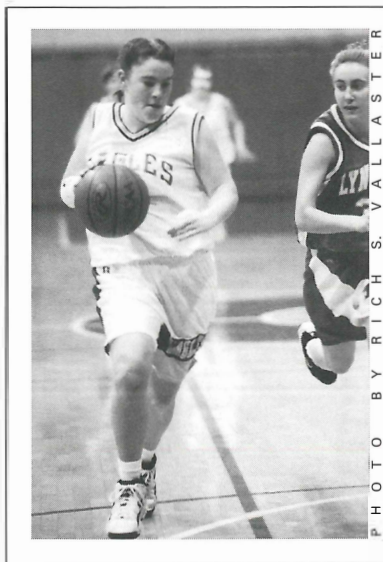
The Bridgewater women's basketball team ended 1997 with an 8-0 record, the program's best start since the 1971-72 season. As a result, the Eagles achieved a No. 24 ranking in the Columbus Multimedia Division III national standings. Bridgewater, under the direction of second-year head coach Jean Willi, led the ODAC standings with a 6-0 mark at the Christmas break.

The biggest news was defeating Roanoke College, 71-63, in Salem, Va., on Dec. 15. The victory was Bridgewater's first in 16 tries on the Maroons' home court since ODAC play began in 1982-83. The Eagles played championship-caliber basketball in defeating the Maroons, as junior Connie Ritchie scored 24 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked four shots to lead the way.

Bridgewater has been receiving high-level play from Ritchie, a junior from Singers Glen, Va., who is averaging 14 points and 10 rebounds a contest. Senior small forward Jennifer Young, from Dunmore, W.Va., is leading the team with a 17.8 per game average, and sophomore Amanda Kyger from Timberville, Va., has developed into the team's inside force, averaging 16.3 points an outing. The bench has been a big part of the success as freshmen twins

Amanda and Angela Osborn are each averaging 6 points a game as the top reserves. Starting guards Heather Landes and Susan Schroeder are pacing the team in combined assists with 26 and steals with 16.

"We have received a tremendous effort by our veterans blending with our newcomers to play well early," said Coach Willi, who was voted last year's ODAC Coach of the Year. "Most importantly, Connie Ritchie and Amanda Kyger have raised their level of play to fill the void in the post area after we graduated our top two players there. Seniors Jennifer Young and Nicole Szymkowski have provided great leadership and we have been able to get off to a good start." ■ — Douglas Barton



DOWN THE MIDDLE — Senior guard Jennifer Young charges toward the basket in this season's first ODAC match-up against Lynchburg.

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THE RETURN OF TUTT

It took a full year, but he finally made it to his senior season. After sitting out a full season with a foot injury, Craig Tutt, Bridgewater's All-ODAC guard and basketball team captain, returned to the hardwood this November as a red-shirt senior.

In November of 1996, Bridgewater hosted Antigua in a preseason exhibition game. In that contest, Tutt suffered a broken bone in his left foot. It was an innocent looking play, as Tutt jumped and stole a pass, but his left foot rolled underneath him on the way down. The injury precipitated him missing the whole '96-'97 campaign, in which the team advanced to the NCAA Tournament "Sweet 16."

"I'm excited about being back and especially being back on the court," said Tutt, a native of Luray, Va. and a fifth-year academic senior majoring in health and physical education and music. "I feel that I am back 100 percent and haven't had any pain this season. I don't feel I am as quick right now due to time off over the summer to let it heal." Two seasons ago as a junior, Tutt had one of the top years ever by an Eagle guard. He finished in the top 10 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference in scoring, field goal and free throw percentages, assists and steals. His play helped the Eagles to the finals of the ODAC Tournament and to the program's first-ever at-large NCAA Tournament berth.

The 1997 Eagles' senior class set unprecedented records. In four years, that group won a record 71 victories, gained two NCAA Tournament berths and played in the "Sweet 16" last year. Bridgewater returns a fairly inexperienced team, and one would think that a return to the NCAA Tournament would be a year away. However, with the return of Tutt, the ODAC coaches voted the Eagles second in the preseason poll. Tutt's experience and leadership with a young

but talented team just could put Bridgewater in the hunt for a third consecutive bid.

"This season, I want to be a good leader and most importantly a consistent player," he said. "This season, I am focusing on helping us win. We could have a shot at being at the top of the ODAC and making a run for the championship in February when we get things together."

Bridgewater started off the season just 4-3. The best victory was a 99-92 win over Eastern Mennonite in the finals of the 10th Annual Don Glick Invitational Tournament. Tutt had 24 points in that game, and he led the

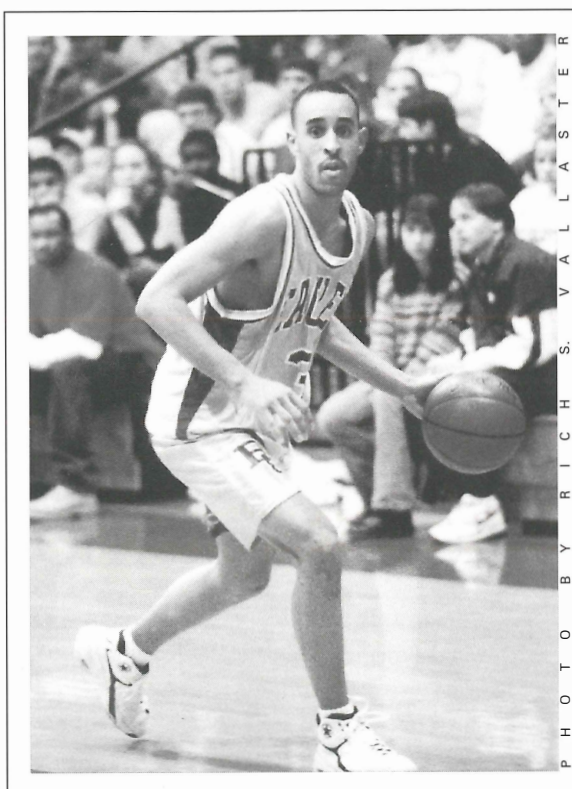
Eagles in scoring at the Christmas break with a 15.4 per game average. In the team's 61-57 home loss to Randolph-Macon on December 13, he missed a driving eight-foot jumper with four seconds to go that could have won the game. However, the Eagles would not have been in that position if it had not been for a clutch 3-pointer by Tutt with 40 seconds left.

"I would rather be the one to lose the game by missing a shot than one of the underclassman," said Tutt. "I think that I can deal with it better than they can at this early point. I think that I took that particular shot with too much time on the clock, and I could have reversed it possibly for a better shot by someone else. I need to be consistent for us to be successful and let that carry over. Maybe it is time for me to bear down and put some pressure on myself. We are

very inexperienced right now, and we have too much inconsistency in our play. We will have to work it out to be successful this season."

With first team all-conference honors, an NCAA Tournament appearance and the respect of coaches and peers league-wide, Craig Tutt already has been a success story at Bridgewater College. What is left to top off his sparkling career? Only the madness of March will tell.

■ — Douglas Barton



ON THE MOVE — Tutt maneuvers against EMU defenders in the final round of the '97 Don Glick Invitational.

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MILLER GIFT

"This is something I've always wanted to do." With that motivation, Dr. Lawrance S. Miller, accompanied by his wife Carmen, presented Bridgewater College a gift of nearly a half-million dollars to establish a scholarship fund.

"Students these days need help," Dr. Miller said.

Beginning in Fall 1998, the Lawrance S. and Carmen C. Miller Scholarship will be awarded to deserving Bridgewater students who are eligible for financial aid.

Dr. Miller, an orthopedic surgeon who retired in 1986 after 34 years in practice in Morgantown, W.Va., was a biology and chemistry major and graduated from Bridgewater in 1942 — one of eight children of Minor C. and Agnes Shipman Miller who all are Bridgewater alumni. His parents also were Bridgewater graduates, and his father taught religious education at the college.

The Miller family's home on East College Street made it easy to be a day student. A scholarship Dr. Miller received as valedictorian of his Bridgewater High School class helped with expenses and gave him first-hand exposure to the generosity of others.

After completing his medical degree at the University of Virginia in 1945, Dr. Miller served his residency at the Medical College of Virginia. He also was a captain in the U.S. Army.

Until his retirement, Dr. Miller was president of Morgantown Orthopedic Associates and was on staff at Monongalia General Hospital and West Virginia University

Hospital. He also was on the faculty at WVU Hospital and served as president of the Monongalia County Medical Society.

In 1993, the West Virginia Orthopedic Society named him "The Outstanding Orthopaedist in West Virginia." Dr. Miller said at the time, "It came as a complete surprise to me, since I assumed I had long since been forgotten after six years of retirement."

Dr. and Mrs. Miller continue to spend their summers in West Virginia; they live in Sarasota, Fla., during the winters. Golf is his favorite pastime, but woodworking also claims his devotion. He is associated with a carvers' guild that, he says admiringly, includes "some real professionals."

The Millers have three sons and nine grandchildren.

Through their gift, the Millers have assured that other Bridgewater students also will experience the generosity of people they may not know but will never forget.

■ — Ellen K. Layman

Editor's Note — The Lawrance S. and Carmen C. Miller Scholarship is one of nearly 150 named scholarships that have been established at Bridgewater College to offer general financial aid or to help students with particular academic interests. Information about setting up a scholarship fund is available by contacting the Development Department, Campus Box 33, Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, VA 22812 or by calling Charles H. Scott, Director of Development, at 540-828-5450.

SACKETT DEDICATION

A classroom in the George S. Aldhizer Department of Economics and Business, in the newly renovated Bowman Hall, has been named in tribute to two graduates of the Class of 1949 whose connections to Bridgewater College span the generations.

The Charles M. and Marilee Miller Sackett Room was dedicated Nov. 1 by President Phillip C. Stone before a luncheon with Sackett family members and friends.

Mr. Sackett, who majored in economics and even taught some courses while still an undergraduate at Bridgewater, has served on the college's board of trustees since 1985 and has been elected a Life Trustee. He retired in 1983 after 33 years in sales and management with Allied Mills' Wayne Feed Division in Westminster, Md.

Mrs. Sackett, a member of the Bridgewater College Alumni Association Board of Directors, earned her under-

graduate degree in home economics and has retired after a 30-year teaching career in Carroll County, Md.

Both Sacketts have a distinguished Bridgewater College lineage. Mrs. Sackett's great-grandfather, Jacob Thomas, was the first president of the college's board of trustees.

Mr. Sackett's parents, Homer and Bertha Miller Sackett, and Mrs. Sackett's parents, Dewitt and Effie Thomas Miller, were all Bridgewater alumni. One of their daughters, Diane Sackett Fike, also is a Bridgewater alumna, and next fall's freshman class may well include more than one of the Sacketts' triplet granddaughters.

The Sackett Room (Bowman 110) is a classroom designed for up to 20 students in a seminar format; it is wired for electronic communication, including Internet and video reception.

Dr. Stone, noting the appropriateness of having the Sackett Room in the economics department, praised the family's deep commitment and continuing generosity to Bridgewater College.

■ — Ellen K. Layman



Charles and Marilee Sackett in front of the plaque marking the door to their room.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER HONOREES

The chair of Virginia's premier advocacy board for higher education and a retired professor of philosophy and education at Columbia University's Teachers College were cited for their service during the annual President's Dinner on Oct. 31.

The dinner honors the college's major supporters and concludes the fall Board of Trustees meeting each year.

Receiving Outstanding Service Awards from President Phillip C. Stone were Elizabeth A. McClanahan, chair of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), and Dr. Philip H. Phenix, formerly the Arthur I. Gates Professor of Philosophy and Education at Columbia Teachers College.

Ms. McClanahan, an attorney with Penn, Stuart & Eskridge in Abingdon, Va., was appointed to the SCHEV in 1994 and has served as its presiding officer since 1995. Dr. Stone noted her "steady vision for building on the strengths of Virginia's system of public and private colleges and universities."

In addition to her law practice, where she specializes in mineral law, and her work with SCHEV, Ms. McClanahan has been cited by the Virginia 4-H Foundation, the Girl Scouts of America and the Virginia



ABOVE: Elizabeth McClanahan addresses the President's Dinner audience after receiving her award for Outstanding Service.

BELOW: President Phil Stone (left) and Dr. Philip Phenix following the dinner. Dr. Phenix also was a recipient of the Outstanding Service Award.



Jaycees for her community involvement.

Ms. McClanahan also was the evening's speaker. Recognizing several state legislators in the audience, she anticipated the crowd's interest in Virginia's Tuition Assistance Grant, a state program of financial aid for Virginia residents who choose to attend private colleges in Virginia.

She was enthusiastic in her support for an increase in the \$2,000 per year grant available to students in 1997-98 and encouraged the lawmakers to join SCHEV in supporting a boost in TAG in the 1998-2000 biennial budget.

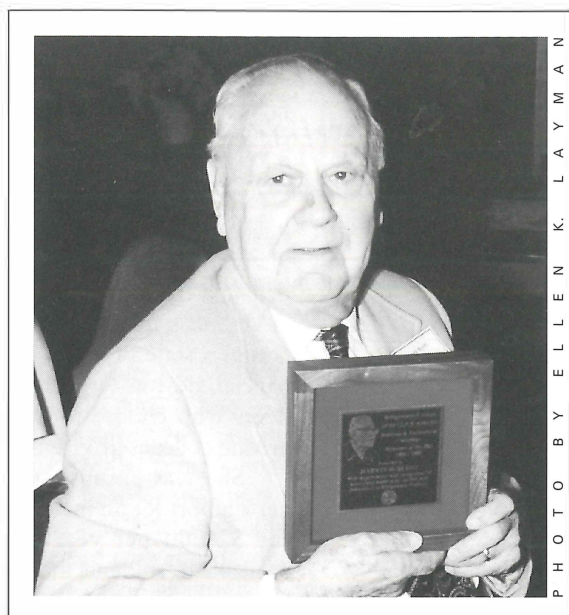
In citing Dr. Phenix, President Stone praised his example as a life-long learner who has earned multiple degrees (from Princeton, Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University), written seven books, including *Philosophy of Education*, and taught not only in the United States but also in China, Chile and Saudi Arabia.

Dr. Phenix, who served on Bridgewater College's Long-Range Planning Committee from 1988-90, responded with a statement of admiration for the college. He said his knowledge of Bridgewater "makes me wish that I, too, might call you Alma Mater! I would love to experience the great adventure of liberal education in this College community. I would delight in its Christian values and

its high standards of integrity and excellence."

■ — Ellen K. Layman

ANNUAL FUND



Mr. Harvey H. Scott

Mr. Scott Honored

Bridgewater College opened its annual Business and Professional Campaign Dec. 2 with a salute to Harvey H. Scott, a Life Trustee of the college whose volunteer efforts have benefited charitable organizations throughout the central Shenandoah Valley.

Mr. Scott, who retired as general manager of the Valley of Virginia Cooperative Milk Producers Association (Shenandoah's Pride) after 48 years, was presented the 1997 Don Glick Business and Professional Campaign Volunteer of the Year Award. The award has been presented annually since 1989 in memory of Don Glick, a 1948 graduate of Bridgewater College who was a widely respected coach and teacher in Rockingham County.

Mr. Scott also is an alumnus of Bridgewater, a member of the Class of 1935.

In presenting the Glick Award, Bridgewater College Business Manager and Treasurer Melvin D. Wampler noted Mr. Scott's work with the Boy Scouts, the Lions Club and Cook's Creek Presbyterian Church. He also was instrumental in establishing the United Way of Harrisonburg/Rockingham County and has served on the Rockingham County School Board and the Harrisonburg Electric Commission.

Previous winners of the Glick Volunteer of the Year Award have included A. Barry Blay, Homer W. Brookshire Jr., Richard A. Claybrook Jr., William H. Coffman, Robert W. Drechsler, Heather D. Myers, B. Randolph Roller and Edward M. Young. The 1996 winner was D'Earcy P. Davis III.

■ — Ellen K. Layman

Business Campaign Report

The college's annual Business and Professional Campaign has raised more than \$63,000 toward its 1997-98 goal of \$150,000.

Debra S. Callison, market president and commercial banker at First Union Bank and Bridgewater's campaign chair for 1997-98, announced the preliminary total of \$63,300 at the conclusion of a two-week visitation campaign completed in December by 10 teams of volunteers. The volunteers called on approximately 300 businesses and professional offices in Rockingham and Augusta counties and the cities of Harrisonburg, Staunton and Waynesboro.

Ms. Callison noted that the campaign, which concludes June 30, has two parallel goals. In addition to raising funds, the visits become an annual report to community leaders, face-to-face, on the college's programs and plans.

"The discussions that take place during the campaign about Bridgewater College and its place in the community are invaluable, as are the monetary contributions," added Charles H. Scott, Bridgewater's director of development.

Team captains and volunteers working in the campaign are:

William H. Dean, First Union National Bank; Jerry Biller, Anita Beckman, Brenda Long and Randy Roller;

Stephan W. Milo, Wharton, Aldhizer & Weaver, P.L.C.; G. Chris Brown, Carla W. Tanner, Jennifer Shirkey, Sheila R. Keese and Mark E. Thompson;

Vernon Feather, The Troyer Group Inc.; Gregory Geisert, Jim DeLucas, Martha Austin, Greg Harper and Aaron Toothman;

C. Alan Cramer, First Virginia Bank; Teresa Hogan, H. Berlin Smiley Jr., Greg Riddle, Greg Berkshire and Gary Davenport;

Ben Partlow, Partlow Financial Services; Bernard Logan, Chuck Wright and Harold Armstrong;

Mensel Dean, McGladrey & Pullen, LLP; Stacy Shiftlet, George Mason and Suzanne Riddleberger;

Ed Lewis, Harrisonburg Nissan; Christel Lewis, Kevin Boyle, John Garber, Bob Toohey and Dick Tigrett;

Jeff Smith, Rockingham Heritage Bank; Joe Harter, Brad Wetsel and David Price;

Debra Callison, First Union National Bank, coordinator; Alan Sweet, Greg Campbell, Bill Bartelme and Fred Morgan; and

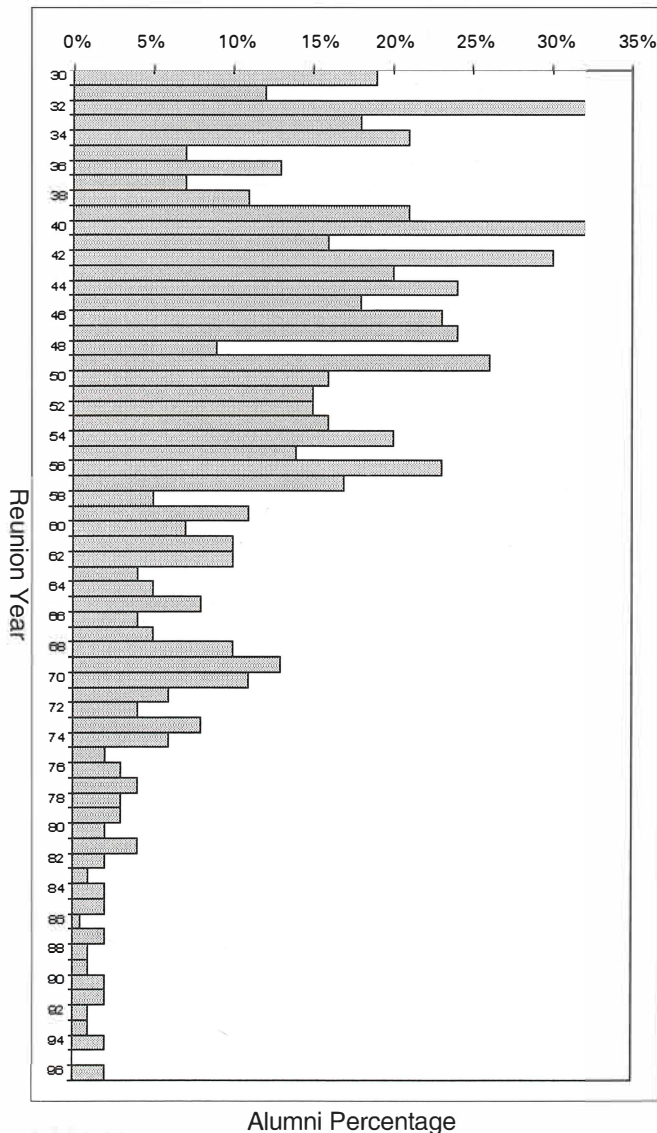
D'Earcy Davis, Merrill Lynch; Paul Cline, Rusty Henry, Gene Layman and John Myers Jr.

■ — Ellen K. Layman

HOW DOES YOUR CLASS STACK UP?!

This chart shows the level of participation, during the 1997-'98 fiscal year, in the Bridgewater College Annual Fund by each graduating class, 1930 - 1996. Find your class and see how well you and your classmates are helping B.C. continue its fine educational tradition.

Data As of 12/01/97



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Schedule of Events

Ripples Society Banquet

Friday, May 8

Kline Campus Center

Senior Art Exhibit

Saturday, May 9

Kline Campus Center Art Gallery

Alumni Banquet

Saturday, May 9

Kline Campus Center

Baccalaureate

Sunday, May 10

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Commencement

Sunday, May 10

Campus Mall

Call the Alumni Office for information
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CLASS NOTES

1 9 3 2

The Rev. Raymon Eller and his wife AnnaBelle celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a Mississippi River cruise aboard the Twilight cruise ship — from Le Claire, Iowa, to Galena, Ill., to Davenport, Iowa. Raymon has been elected into the International Poetry Hall of Fame by the National Library of Poetry. He was cited for his outstanding poetic talents in the National Library of Poetry Anthology competition series.

1 9 4 6

Doris Cline Egge received the first Leadership Award presented by the Women's Center at Hollins College for her years of dedication and service. Since the Center's opening in 1984, Doris has been actively involved as a career counselor, instructor and advisory board member. Doris and her husband Dean L. Egge, '50, live in Roanoke, Va.

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Dr. Homer M. Kline Jr. of King George, Va., was elected an officer in the Commonwealth York Rite College No. 50 in Staunton, Va. He also is teaching at Greenbrier School in King George.

1 9 4 9

William H. Jordan and his wife Virginia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 8. The Jordans live in Roanoke, Va.

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William D. Wampler served as a delegate to the 114th annual meeting of the American Angus Association held in November in Louisville, Ky.

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Doris Ann Craun Slusser has retired from teaching high school science and moved back home to Virginia. She is now living in Mt. Crawford. She spent the last 27 years living north of the Maryland state line, most recently in Mahwah, N.J.

1 9 6 0

Peggy Wilkins King received a diamond pin from Welcome Wagon International for 20 years of greeting newcomers to Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. She has greeted over 6,000 people with the "Most Famous Basket in the World."

The Mt. Crawford (Va.) log home of Jack Ridder and his wife, Linda, was featured in a six-page spread in the November issue of *Log Home Living*. Designed by their son, Drew, the house features natural pine logs and trim and a fieldstone chimney and foundation. The plans for the house are offered by Jack and Linda's company, Dogwood Mountain Log Homes. For the past two years, Jack and Linda have been dealers for Appalachian Log Structures, Inc. of Ripley, W.Va.

1 9 6 1

Dr. John W. Rader has been appointed director of wellness services at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, N.C. John is responsible for the Coastal Diabetes Center, Community Charge on Cancer/Peer Educators, LifeWise and the Wellness Services Department. He has received a \$500,000 grant from the Community Health Initiative Program to develop a Consumer Health

Library and a \$300,000 grant from the Duke Endowment to develop wellness programs for the nonprofit organizations in the area. He also has been selected as a health fellow by the Healthcare Forum of San Francisco.

1 9 6 2

Dr. Philip E. Mancha has been vice president of teaching and learning at West Virginia Northern Community College since July 1, 1996. WVNCC has three campuses, the largest campus in Wheeling, and two additional campuses in Weirton and New Martinsville. Phil has overall responsibility for the academic and student development programs for the institution.

1 9 6 4

Judy Nolen Henneberger is the author of *Stepping Stones*, a choral curriculum book to be published by Choristers Guild in June 1998. Judy was re-elected to the Choristers Guild national board of directors, where she chairs the national seminar and scholarship committees relating to church music.

1 9 6 6

Bingham Higgins of Colchester, Conn., works for Alltel Information Services and is on assignment to the Bank of the Philippine Islands. He is the project leader to implement an international customer call center operation at BPI on a UNIX based client/server environment, utilizing state of the art customer service workstation and computer telephonx integration technology software and hardware.

1 9 6 7

Joan George Shifflett Flory continues to teach third grade at H.M. Pearson Elementary School in Fauquier County (Va.). Her husband, Leland, farms his family's farm in Catlett, Va., near where they live. Their son, Erik, is a freshman at James Madison University in Harrisonburg.

1 9 6 8

Dr. Sandra Y. Feagan of Charlottesville, Va., is president of Sandra Feagan & Associates Inc.

1 9 7 0

Paul McComb has moved from Livingston, N.J., and is now living in Tucson, Ariz.

1 9 7 1

David L. Tate and his wife Kim are members of an a cappella vocal group Sound Direction, which is composed of three married couples. The group presented a candlelight Christmas concert, along with two other groups, to benefit the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. Sound Direction has performed concerts for the Shenandoah Valley Art Center, First Night Waynesboro and First Night Roanoke, and has just released its first compact disc recording. The Tates live in Waynesboro, Va.

1 9 7 2

J. Franklin "Quayle" Brugh of Front Royal, Va., reports this year's winner of the 25th annual bluefish tournament held in October 1997 in Nags Head, N.C., was Kirk "Eugene" Higdon, '72, with a 59½ pound bluefish caught from the surf. The tournament included over a

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Helen Pence Saxon retired in June 1997, after 40 years of teaching — 35 of those years were spent teaching biology at Buckingham County (Va.) High School.

HELEN PENCE SAXON, '51

A 1951 graduate of Bridgewater, Helen continued her education by completing a Masters of Science degree at the University of Virginia in 1974.

After moving to Buckingham, she taught sixth grade at Dillwyn Elementary School before moving to the biology lab at the high school. Helen's students remember her brown paper bags of "road kill" collected on the way to school in the mornings, which later would become an impromptu lesson on anatomy. Also remembered is Clyde D. Snake — a really big class mascot.

Helen instilled in her students a desire to recycle and protect the environment. In 1980, she founded the Buckingham County High School Ecology Club,

which received third place in the national Keep America Beautiful contest. The club went on to win four first place awards in the Virginia Division of Litter Control campaign.

In 1992, the Virginia Wildlife Federation honored Helen as Conservation Educator of the Year.

As a tribute to the high quality of her teaching, and for being a guiding light and shaping force for her students, the Helen Saxon Service Scholarship was established in her honor. The annual scholarship offers \$500 to a student who has excelled academically, has an excellent character record and has performed service to the community.

Helen lives in Buckingham with her husband Ed and is looking forward to refinishing furniture and traveling in her retirement.

■ — Mary K. Heatwole



dozen alumni from the classes of '71, '72 and '73. Joining Quayle and Eugene in the competition were Tommy "Barnyard" Barnhart and Steve "Pig" Patterson, both of the Class of '71; Duane "Elmer" Bell, Chip "Chipper" Belyea, Roger "D.B." Brookes, Gordon "Guinea" Carvutto, Steve "Job" Kessler, Buddy "Duck" Ruffner, Wayne "Big T." Toler and David "Chick-Chick" Zigler, all of the Class of '72; and Tom "Louie" Conners and Collin "E.P." Smithers, both of the Class of '73.

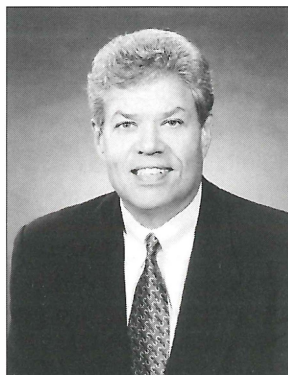
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Edward E. Clark Jr., president and cofounder of The Wildlife Center of Virginia, is the recipient of the 1997 Chuck Yeager Award by the National Fish and Wildlife

Foundation. The award, named after the famous Air Force test pilot who set many speed and altitude records, recognizes conservation professionals whose work has made a significant positive difference for wildlife and habitats. Presented at the 1997 Watchable Wildlife Conference at the Hotel Roanoke, the award carries a \$15,000 grant, which Ed donated to support the conservation and education programs of The Wildlife Center. Ed lives in Waynesboro, Va., with his wife Nancy.

Neva A. Clayton had two short stories published in the newly released women's anthology, *Unsilenced: The Spirit of Women*, a collection of poems and short stories focused on healing, family, the feminine, loss and spirituality. Other contributing

writers include Maya Angelou, Rita Dove, Alice Walker, Gina Jones and Zsuzsanna Budapest.



Jeffrey S. Holland

Jeffrey S. Holland is president and chief executive officer of two Columbia Healthcare Corporation hospitals in Houston, Columbia West Houston Medi-

cal Center and Columbia Fort Bend Medical Center. Before joining Columbia, Jeffrey was president of his own healthcare consulting firm in New Orleans. He also served as regional vice president and multi-facility chief executive officer for Tenet Healthcare in New Orleans. Jeffrey received his master's degree in health administration from the Medical College of Virginia, where he serves as vice president of the alumni association. He also is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

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Dawn McIntyre Flory and Tamyra Beckner Rosen, both '75, were part of a group of five teachers from John W. Wayland Elementary School in Bridgewater, (Continued on Page 30)

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Since he was 6 years old, Larry McCann (Class of '70) had dreamed of bicycling across the United States. Late last spring, with a pocketful of business cards emblazoned with

"Larry *Lightin'* McCann, America at 14 m.p.h.," Larry set out on a 53-day bike tour that would take him from the Pacific Ocean, across the deserts of the Southwest, over the Rockies, across America's heartland, and finally north through New England to Maine's Atlantic coast.

Larry's adventure began June 6, 1997, with a "wheel dipping ceremony" in the Pacific Ocean at Seal Rock, near San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge. Larry and friend/co-worker Pete Fagan – who on a whim, volunteered to accompany Larry on the ride – joined 28 other cyclists for the cross-country tour that would touch 15 states and cover more than 3,900 miles.

"I'd been thinking about it (the trip) for 43 years" remarked Larry. "I knew exactly what I wanted to do and how I wanted to do it and I went out and did it. I'm real happy that I did it, and I'm real proud of it because how many people have childhood dreams? And how many make them happen?... But it was a lot of work."

The tour company that Larry chose, America by Bicycle, handled the details of the tour, such as the lodging, food and equipment transportation, planning the route and providing mechanical and general support for the bikers. Queue sheets, containing a map and detailed, turn-by-turn directions, were given to the cyclists each day. Three support vehicles made the trip, carrying gear, snacks and, at times, tired or injured riders.

America at 14 m.p.h.

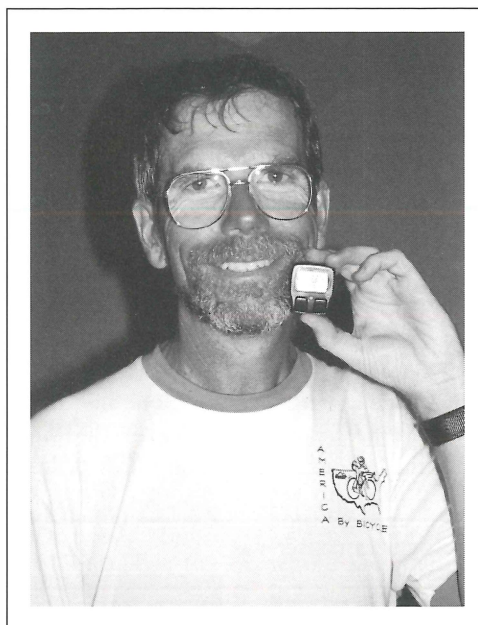
LARRY McCANN, '70

Only five riders, including Larry and Pete, pedaled the entire length of the trip. "My philosophy," Larry said, "was my bike was going to ride every inch, from this ocean to this ocean."

The cyclists rode at their own pace. They rendezvoused at pre-determined SAG (*support and gear*) stops for rest and snacks during the day and at a hotel each evening. When the others were relaxing by the hotel pool, however, Larry was pedaling a few extra miles to achieve his personal goal of 4,000 miles. This earned him the honor of being voted by

the other riders as "the fellow most likely to be seen after 9 p.m. wearing spandex." When Larry and Pete reached the Atlantic coast at Kittery, Maine, on July 28, Larry had pedaled 4,021 miles.

Throughout the tour, when restaurateurs, shopkeepers and others asked Larry where he was headed, he would always respond – to the jeers of his touring partners – "I'm goin' to Maine!" The tour was officially to end with an Atlantic coast "wheel dipping" at Rye Beach, N.H. Unbeknownst to many of the riders, however, was one last side trip to Maine. So when the queue sheets listing the side trip were handed out on the last night of the tour, Larry said, "I looked at all my friends and said 'I'm goin' to Maine.'"



SATISFACTION — Larry McCann proudly shows off his cyclometer displaying the 4,021 miles that he pedaled to reach his goal.

The cyclists consumed roughly 8,000 calories a day. Despite the high daily caloric intake, Larry and Pete both lost weight during the tour – Larry losing 10 pounds and Pete 25. Breakfast and dinner were provided by the tour company as were the SAG stop snacks, which usually included cookies and fruit. During the tour, Larry, who is a senior special agent for the Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal

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Investigations, soon fell into the “typical cop routine” of stopping for coffee and doughnuts at 10 each morning. Then, in Ohio, he “discovered” ice cream. He enticed the owner of a road-side ice cream stand to open by telling her that there would be 50 or more hungry cyclists arriving and that she could surely sell a lot of ice cream. She opened the stand. From that day on, Larry was hooked and had to stop each afternoon at 2 or 3 for ice cream. When he did, he “started feeling a lot better and going a lot faster.”

Larry’s approach to the tour was laid back despite his definite goals. He said, “I was always last, but you know what, I had the best ride.” Many of the other cyclists treated the tour like a competition, racing from hotel A to hotel B, but “it wasn’t a race, it was a tour.” Larry liked to ask the others what they had seen during their ride; almost always their response was “the wheel of the person in front of me.”

Instead, Larry took his time, saw the sights and visited along the way. He recounted meeting Cindy the lockmaster on the Mohawk River ... and visiting with Kurt, who took him on a tour of a million-bushel grain elevator and showed him how it worked ... and discussing small town politics and the philosophy of selling fireworks on the wheat-covered plains with the operator of a road-side fireworks stand near Pawnee Rock, Kan. Larry and Pete, who also is a police

“I’ve decided that I am not a cyclist! I’m just a tourist on a bicycle. Some of the riders are consumed with the sport, equipment, clothing and mystique. No longer am I. I’m just a guy on a bike with a dream, and the dream is coming true.”

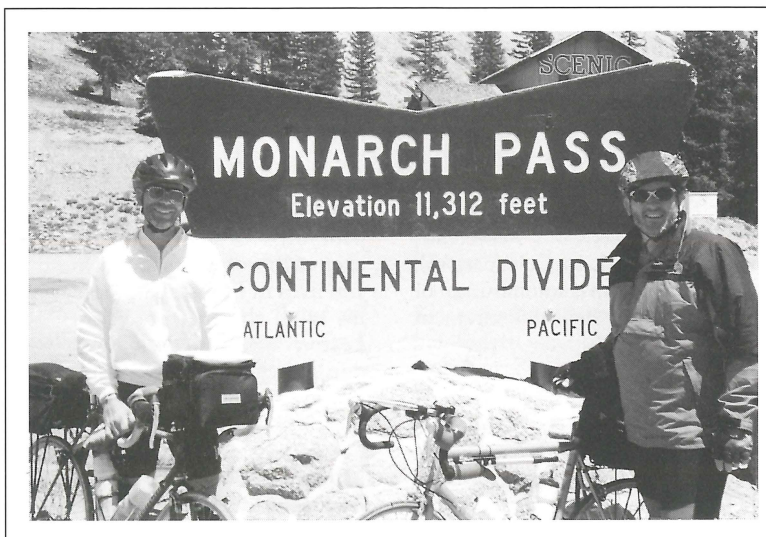
Taken from Larry’s daily diary on Day 23 of the tour.

officer, met many fellow officers during their ride and traded uniform patches and stories. One policeman ripped the patch off his shirt, handed it to Larry and told him that he admired what he was doing.

For Larry the “zenith” of his trip came in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. On Day 19 of the tour, the group climbed Monarch Pass (elevation 11,312 feet). This was the highest point the cyclists reached, and, for Larry, his most memorable accomplishment. A single event which stands out in Larry’s mind also occurred in the Rockies. As he descended another mountain pass, Larry’s bike reached a speed of 54 m.p.h. – the fastest he achieved during the tour – and he passed a car, to the shock and amazement of its driver.

After years of planning, preparation, research and conditioning and weeks of pedaling, at the age of 49 Larry realized his childhood dream. Speaking of his trip, he remarked that “... there was an overwhelming presence of the Lord along the way...God was all along our route. Not only in the amazing geography, the huge spaces, the beautiful sunrises and sunsets, but also in the kindness of strangers. It really is ‘America the Beautiful’ and we owe it all to God.”

■ — Roberta W. Byerly
Photos supplied by Larry McCann



A MOUNTAINTOP EXPERIENCE — Larry McCann (left) and his friend Pete Fagan pause for a moment after pedaling to the top of Monarch Pass.

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who won one of five state awards in this year's Virginia Council on Economic Education competition. The economics project, "From Color to Butterfly," began as a result of a group of second graders studying insects and ways to attract butterflies. In order to purchase the plants that butterflies like, the children melted down crayons to sell a novelty product, "Crazy Crayons." More than \$200 was raised by selling 2,400 crayons.

Michael D. Scales is teaching Spanish at Cumberland High School in Cumberland, Va., after a career as a youth counselor with the Department of Youth and Family Services in Bon Air, Va.

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Karen Burkholder Huffman of Grottoes, Va., is in her second year of teaching kindergarten at South River Elementary School, after completing her second endorsement in NK-4 in elementary education in 1995 at Bridgewater.

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Lawrence Hawkey completed his Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from Duke University in September. He continues as a research assistant in the Department of Neurobiology at Duke University Medical Center. Lawrence and his wife, **Beth Via Hawkey**, '80, live in Durham, N.C. with their two sons, Michael, 13, and Andrew, 9.

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Gerald W. Hoffman is program manager for the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Gerald, his wife, Danielle, and their two sons, Joshua and Joseph, live in Newport News, Va.

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Jeffrey T. Bourne became executive associate athletic director at Georgia Tech in August 1997. He serves as top aide to the athletic director in overseeing the Georgia Tech program. Previously, he was associate athletic director at Virginia Tech, where he received his master's degree in sports management and spent 11 years in athletic administration. Jeff's wife, the former **MaryLou Garber**, '83, has given up her position as associate director of administrative systems and project management at Virginia Tech. The Bournes live in Alpharetta, Ga., with their two sons Jason, 8, and Kyle, 5.

John E. Dwyer Jr. and his wife, **Donna Stevens Dwyer**, '84, have moved from Weaverville, N.C., back to Culpeper, Va., where John is administrator of Culpeper Baptist Retirement Community.

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Lynn M. Horan Mitchell is starting her sixth year as associate athletic director for compliance at the University of Virginia. Her husband, **W. Alan Mitchell**, '84, is beginning his ninth year teaching special education at Jack Jouett Middle School in Albemarle County. The family lives in Charlottesville, Va., with their two children, Lindsay Allyn, 9, and Steven Hunter, 5.

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SFC Kenneth J. Snyder is midway through his tour of duty with the U.S. Army in Korea and has been promoted to First Sergeant. He is looking forward to returning home to his wife, the former **Cheryl Bland**, also '83, and two children, son Brandyn, 9, and daughter Christa, 5. The Snyders are living on post at Ft. Rucker, Ala.

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David Ridpath is director of community development for the City of Radford (Va.), where he supervises planning, land use development, zoning, subdivision and economic development activities. He has received numerous awards, including the Business Person of the Year Award from the Phi Beta Lambda fraternity and the President's Award from the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance; he also was featured in Strathmore's Who's Who. David enjoys fishing and boating on the river with his wife, Lisa. He also likes antique cars and enjoys woodworking and the arts.

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James Mercadante has been promoted to general manager of Rus of Bedford (Va.). Jim lives in Forest, Va., with his wife, the former **Vicki Lester**, '83, and their two daughters, Alyssa, 9, and Kelsey, 5.

For the past two years, **David Minnich** has been a software engineer for Tekelec, a manufacturer of telecommunications switching products. Dave and his wife, the former **Lynette Roberson**, '91, have been living in Durham, N.C., for 3½ years, where they are active in the Shalom Church of the Brethren, which just celebrated its third anniversary.

Michael Palmer of Staunton, Va., has a recording, *Memoirs of Buddy Holly*, available in cassette or CD formats, which may be purchased through his web site at <http://home.rica.net/wpi-tom/buddy.htm>.

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Duane W. Dinkel is senior development engineer with 3M Company in Austin, Texas.

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Beverly I. Watson Heydon is an associate with the law offices of Deborah E. Dwyer in Columbia, Md., working in the areas of family and juvenile law. In 1996, she graduated *cum laude* from the University of Baltimore School of Law. While in law school, Beverly was staff editor of the *Law Forum* and published two articles. Before receiving her law degree, she earned her master's degree in social work from Virginia Commonwealth University and was a social worker for five years in Virginia with Child Protective Services, investigating allegations of child abuse and neglect. Beverly's husband Bryan is an engineer at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory.

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Bryan "Bo" Morris and **Kelley Rhodes Morris**, '92, are hooked on llamas. Several years ago they bought a pair of "pet quality males," and love for the animals quickly set in. They now own nine llamas, including four breeding-age females. To support their hobby, Bo works as a pharmacist at Rockingham Memorial Hospital. Kelley is a full-time homemaker taking care of their 1-year-old son, Bryce.

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David E. Clymore has been promoted to corporate controller of Fisher Auto Parts, Inc. in Staunton, Va.

Frank Lezotte is senior lab technician for Bayer. His wife, **Lea Ann Mason Lezotte**, '91, works in the credit department of Holtzman Oil in Mt. Jackson, Va. According to Frank, their son, Joey, is active as ever and is excited about getting a new brother or sister in May. The Lezottes live in Woodstock, Va., and

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Chapter Annual Meetings

Northern Shenandoah Valley (Va.) Chapter

March 24, 1998
Ron Hottle, '70, President
(540) 662-4387

Smith Mountain Lake (Va.) Chapter

March 28, 1998
K. David Smith, '75, President
(540) 586-2651

Roanoke (Va.) Chapter

April 21, 1998
Wayne C. Garst, '61, President
(540) 380-2129

Carroll/Frederick County (Md.) Chapter

April 25, 1998
Doris N. Albaugh, '55, President
(410) 857-2366

Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter

April 20, 1998
Patricia S. Heiney, '49
(717) 336-7615

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would love to hear from other alumni.

Kathleen Roberts Toothman received an M.A. degree in elementary education from Appalachian State University in May 1997. She is employed by Caldwell County Schools in Lenoir, N.C. Kathleen and her husband Bradley live in Glen Alpine, N.C.

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Lowell R. Layman of Climax, Ga., is pastor of a two-point charge in the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

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Dan Calloway of Easton, Md., appeared in the October 1997 issue of *Guideposts* in the "Family Room" section. According to the *Guideposts* story about his dance partner, Barbara Atkins Davis, the two of them "have waltzed their way to four gold medals in amateur competitions."

Barbara Patton Custer is employed by Page County Public Schools. Her husband Jeremy is employed by J. Rex Burner and Co., Inc. The family attends Stanley

Baptist Church, where Barbara is pianist and Jeremy serves on the board of deacons and the nominating committee. The Custers live in Stanley, Va., with their daughter, Jessika Abigail, 2.

Gina L. Wine is a flight attendant with United Airlines and is based in Chicago.

1 9 9 4

Candace A. Cline is living in Charlottesville, Va., and teaching first grade at Columbia Elementary School in Palmyra, Va. She plans on returning to Harrisonburg in the summer of 1998 to begin work on her master's degree in reading at Eastern Mennonite University.

Erin Beth Kelly is a full-time economic service worker for the state of West Virginia in the Health and Human Services office in Huntington. She also is a casual mail clerk for the U.S. Postal Service.

Spec. David L. Rupe has returned to the states from a seven-month peacekeeping mission in Bosnia. He is serving with the 642nd Engineering Co. at Fort Drum, N.Y. Dave has received two certificates — a Scroll of Appreciation for Operation

Joint Guard, and a Task Force Eagle for duty in the former Republic of Yugoslavia. He also received a NATO Medal for service with NATO operations in Bosnia.

Krista Seelig-Rosensteel is in her fourth year of teaching eighth grade social studies at Hershey Middle School in Hershey, Pa., and in her third year of coaching field hockey at Hershey High School. Krista received the 1996-97 "Best Inclusive Practices" Teacher of the Year Award for the capital area. She also gave a presentation, "Inclusion: A Situation That Can Work," at the Penn State University Middle School Conference in October 1997.

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James E. Carriker III and **Kara Hathaway-Carriker**, both '95, are living in Chesapeake, Va. James is a probation officer for the Department of Juvenile Justice in Virginia Beach, and Kara is in her second year teaching early childhood special education for Portsmouth public schools.

Ron Moss Jr. is living in Suffolk, Va., and working as a

conductor/switchman for Norfolk Southern Railroad.

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Richard Atwood is director of music and drama at Oak Hill Baptist Academy at Mouth of Wilson, Va. He directs the choirs and the theatrical productions at the private residential high school which has an all-male enrollment of 125.

Jodi Cox Carmen has moved to Kansas, where her husband Vincent has rejoined the Army and is stationed at Fort Riley.

Kristen A. Lipinski is a territory representative for Nabisco in Silver Spring, Md.

Joe Oyler of Salem, Va., received his second Meritorious Service Medal for seven years service in the U.S. Navy Reserves.

Cindy M. Pearson is teaching health and physical education at Turner Ashby High School in Bridgewater. She also serves as assistant varsity women's basketball coach and head women's tennis coach. Cindy lives in Harrisonburg.

WEDDING BELLS

Brandon Reynolds has completed the National Athletic Trainers Board of Certification exam and is recognized as a certified athletic trainer. Brandon is working on his master's degree in education at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La., and, in January 1998, he began an internship at Bridgewater College.

1 9 9 7

Stephen Craver is working for the Online Services Department at Judd's, Inc. in Strasburg, Va. Online Services provides World Wide Web support for online pages and stores for a variety of businesses, including Martha Stewart Living Online, the American Diabetes Association and the Reba McEntire sites. Electronic stores are one of the fastest growing industries involving the Internet.

Anita Beth Hall lives in Harrisonburg and is a case manager with Rockingham/Harrisonburg Alcohol Safety Action Program.

Lara K. Rosier is living in Morgantown, W.Va., where she is in her first year of law school at West Virginia University.

Chad Sowers has joined the sales force of United Insurance Co. of America and will work in Richmond's Church Hill area.

Chad E. Young is in his first year of graduate school at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore. He is working on a master's degree in physical therapy.

Charles W. Miller, '53, and **Thelma W. Hall** were married Dec. 6, 1997, at the bride's home in Bridgewater. Charles, who attended Bridgewater College for two years before graduating from Virginia Tech, is a farmer in the Beaver Creek community. Thelma is reference services librarian in the Alexander Mack Memorial Library at Bridgewater College. The couple is living at his home, the Martain Miller house (c. 1825), the house in which D.C. Flory was living with his uncle, Martin P. Miller, when he founded what became Bridgewater College.

Helen "Ginger" Harden, '69, and **James Hogue** were married Aug. 16, 1997. Ginger sells real estate in the Washington, D.C., area, and James, who had worked as staff assistant for President Nixon, is the owner of International Publications. The couple lives in Alexandria, Va.

David S. Shickel, '84, and **Lisa Gray Jordan** were married Sept. 20, 1997, in Harrisonburg. Dave works for Federal Express at Weyers Cave, Va., and Lisa is employed by The Limited, Inc., at Valley Mall.

Michael S. Fitzmeyer, '91, and **Tracey Harwood** were married Sept. 27, 1997, in Tupelo, Miss. Mike is a mortgage consultant for Wachovia Mortgage, and Tracey is a flight attendant for Delta Airlines in Atlanta. The couple makes its home in Marietta, Ga.

Karla A. Simmons, '91, and **Stephen J. Willis** were married June 14, 1997, in Alderson, W.Va., where they are making their home. Karla is a physical therapist

assistant with Home Care Plus in Lewisburg, and Stephen is owner of Alderson Veterinary Service.

Joey Snader and **Penny Worsham**, both '91, were married April 19, 1997, in Sandston, Va. Joey is a stockbroker with T. Rowe Price in Baltimore, and Penny is a middle school teacher with the Carroll County Public School System. The couple is living in Westminster, Md.

Amy Jenkins, '92, and **Sam Chu** were married Dec. 7, 1996, in Luray, Va. The couple is living in Fairfax, Va.

Bobbi A. Brinegar, '93, and **David L. Rosenberger** were married Aug. 9, 1997, at the Mimslyn Inn in Luray, Va. Bobbi is a medical technologist at Rockingham Memorial Hospital, and David is a rural carrier for the Mt. Jackson Post Office. The couple is living in Harrisonburg.

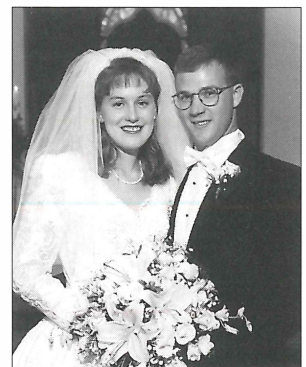
Jacalyn Leigh Raines, '93, and **Timothy J. McCutchen** were married Oct. 11, 1997, in Port Republic, Va. Jacalyn is a teacher and coach at Spotswood High School, and Timothy is district sales manager for Wild Goose Brewery in Cambridge, Md. The couple is living in Harrisonburg.

Ronald H. Barkman Jr., '95, and **Kristie Paige Olson, '97,** were married Aug. 23, 1997, in Thornton, Pa. Ron is a sales representative for Century Kitchen and Bath, and Kristie is a resident advisor for Devereau Whitlock Center in Berwin. The couple is living in Exton, Pa.

Andrea M. Brooks, '95, and **Scott A. Campbell** were married June 8, 1997, in Oak

Harbor, Wash. Scott serves in the U.S. Navy as an electrician's mate.

Aaron W. Eberly, '95, and **Alisa G. Holler, '97,** were married Aug. 30, 1997, in Edinburg, Va. Aaron is employed with Office Products, Inc. in Harrisonburg, and Alisa is a customer service representative with Wampler Foods, Inc. in Broadway. The couple is living in Bridgewater.



Aaron and Alisa Eberly

Ginger R. Lee, '95, and **Wesley W. Griffin, '96,** were married Aug. 2, 1997, in Dayton, Va. Ginger received her master's degree in school psychology from James Madison University and is pursuing an education specialist degree in school psychology at JMU.

She is completing a school psychologist internship in the Harrisonburg city schools and with JMU/Shenandoah Valley Child. Wes is employed by Griffin Construction in Staunton. The couple is making its home in Bridgewater.

Kathy Long, '95, and **Thomas Dawson** were married Oct. 4, 1997. The Dawsons are living in their new home in Salisbury, Md.

FUTURE EAGLES

Christopher S. Caldwell and **Melissa D. Williams**, both '96, were married Sept. 6, 1997, in Roanoke, Va., where the couple is now living. Chris is a music instructor in the Bedford County school system, and Melissa is employed by First Union Child Development Center.

Gregory L. Campbell, '96, and **April D. Higgins** were married July 26, 1997, in Buena Vista, Va. Greg is employed by the Natural Bridge Juvenile Correctional Center, and April works for Heritage Hall Nursing Home. The couple is living in Rockbridge County.

Georgia Lee Cave, '96, and **Michael Adam Sours** were married May 31, 1997, in Luray, Va. Georgia is clerk for the Page County Commissioner of Revenue, and Michael is a self-employed farmer. The couple is living in Rileyville, Va.

Kimberly L. Edwards, '97, and **Ryan S. Mitchell** were married Aug. 2, 1997, in Weyers Cave, Va. Ryan is a driver for Coca-Cola in Staunton, Va. The Mitchells live in Verona, Va.

Barbara Fansler Gardner, '76, and **Everette** have a boy, **Matthew Glen**, born Aug. 28, 1997. The Gardners live in Mt. Solon, Va.

Mathew Koshy, '78, and **Rebecca** have a son, **Alexander Paily**, born July 27, 1997. Alex joins brother **David**, 2, at the family's home in San Mateo, Calif. Mathew is an applied mathematician with Advanced Research and Applications Corp.

Karla Kostyshyn Moran, '78, and **Glenn** have a daughter, **Jenny Karoline**, born Dec. 9, 1996. Jenny joins her three brothers, **Josh Collin**, 13, **Jess Taylor**, 11, and **Jake Evan**, 5. The family lives in Rockaway, N.J., where Glenn is a self-employed landscaper and Karla is a stay-at-home mom.

Suzanne Artz Loveland, '79, and **Jeff** have a son, **Robert Samuel**, born Jan. 24, 1997. He joins big brother, **Brian**, 5. Jeff is director of the Occupational Therapy Program at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, and Suzanne is a physical therapist at Shenandoah Memorial Hospital in Woodstock, Va. The Lovelands live at Liberty Furnace in Edinburg, Va.

Jeffery K. Sheffer, '79, and **Janet** have a daughter, **Julia Serrell**, born Oct. 29, 1997. The family lives in Harrisonburg.

Dr. Edward L. Staudt, '79, and **Melanie** have a son, **Steven Benjamin**, born May 17, 1997. The Staudts live in Daytona Beach, Fla., where Ed is a dentist.

Shane D. Stevens, '79, and **Xan Butler Stevens**, '89,

have their first child, a son, **Leland Thomas**, born Oct. 10, 1997. Shane is instructor in business administration and head track and cross country coach at Bridgewater College.

Christine Williams Frias, '81, and **Michael** have a daughter, **Caroline Christine**, born Oct. 23, 1997. Caroline joins two older sisters, **Jennifer**, 5, and **Mary Elizabeth**, 3. Christine works part-time as a special education teacher for Arlington County. Michael works on Capitol Hill. The family lives in Arlington, Va.

David K. Spiers, '81, and **Laurie** have a daughter, **Mallory Brooke**, born Aug. 28, 1997. She was welcomed by older sisters, **Jordan** and **Logan**. David is president of The Spiers Group, a business consulting firm, and vice president of American Bio Catalysts, Inc., which manufactures and markets biological odor control products. Both companies are located in Mechanicsville, Va., where the family makes its home.

Sherrie Hannah Johnson, '82, and **Craig Reed Johnson**, '84, have a daughter,

Hannah Reed, born Jan. 12, 1997. Craig is a law enforcement officer for the National Park Service with the Department of Interior, and Sherrie is home counseling supervisor for Rappahannock Area Community Service Board. The Johnsons live in Ruther Glen, Va.

Martha Finley Curt, '83, and **Walter** have a son, **William Arthur**, born Dec. 4, 1997. The family lives in Harrisonburg.

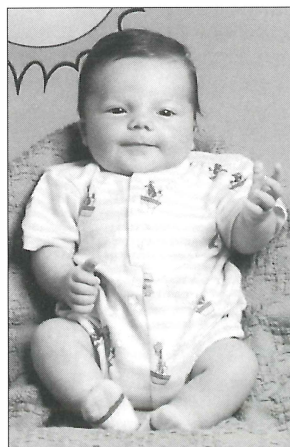
Ken C. Arthur, '85, and **Susan** have a son, **Thomas Loftus**, born Sept. 5, 1997. He joins older sisters, **Madeline**, 6, and **Katherine**, 4. Ken is chief financial officer for Information, Inc. in Bethesda, Md., and Susan is a homemaker at the family's home in Sterling, Va.

Edward M. Kline and **Lisa Wine Kline**, both '85, have a daughter, **Olivia Louise**, born Sept. 24, 1997. Olivia joins older sister, **Samantha**, 4, at the family's home in Manassas, Va. Edward is senior software engineer for Orbital Space Systems in McLean, Va.

Stephanie Dunn Patterson, '86, and **Kenneth** have a son, **Ryan David**, born Aug. 28, 1997. The family lives in Weyers Cave, Va.

Margaret Winter Lyon, '87, and **Scott** have their first child, a son, **Colin Aric**, born Sept. 25, 1997. The family makes its home in Frederick, Md.

Lisa Anne Smith Dutterer, '88, and **John** have a son, **Jacob Michael**, born June 3, 1997. Lisa is inpatient director of the Physical and Occupational Therapy Department at the University of



Steven Benjamin Staudt

Pennsylvania Hospital. The family lives in Lafayette Hill, Pa.

Karen Moore Garrison, '88, and Donald have a son, Tucker Cole, born Dec. 1, 1997. The family lives in Port Republic, Va.

J. Conrad Patterson, '88, and Angie have a daughter, Mary Kathryn (Katy), born April 29, 1997. She joins brother Conrad, 3, at the family's home in Buena Vista, Va. Rad teaches health and physical education to sixth and seventh graders at Parry McCluer Middle School. Both Rad and Angie received M.S. degrees in education from James Madison University during the summer of 1997.



Hannah Adare All and older sister Emma Elizabeth

Denise Elizabeth Humphrey All, '89, and Olen have their second daughter, Hannah Adare, born Jan. 21, 1997. She joins Emma Elizabeth, 2, at their home in Middleburg, Va.

Jay Cline, '89, and Donna have their second child, Parker Jay, born Oct. 29, 1997. Parker joins older brother, Tyler James, 2. Jay is area rental manager for Penske Truck Leasing. The Clines live in Limerick, Pa.

Patrick L. Powers Jr., '89, and **Lisa Neal Powers, '90**, have a son, Seth Patrick, born Oct. 3, 1997. Seth joins big brother, Joshua Nicholas, 22 months, at the family's home in Newport News, Va.

Carrie Moss Webb, '89, and Stephen have their first child, a son, Andrew Stephen, born Sept. 23, 1997. Carrie teaches third grade at Leesylvania Elementary School in Prince William County. The Webbs live in Montclair, Va.

Christopher Dunn, '90, and Jill have a daughter, Marissa Gabrielle, born Aug. 13, 1997. The family makes its home in Mechanicsville, Va.

Gary S. Johnson, '90, and **Mary "Molly" Bowman Johnson, '91**, have a daughter, Rebekah Alyse, born Oct. 29, 1997. The family lives in Waynesboro, Va.

Melissa Saunders Lankford, '90, and Joe have a son, Joe Reid III, born Feb. 27, 1997. Missy is a rehabilitation case manager for CorVel Corp., and Joe is a police officer for Roanoke County. The family lives in Roanoke, Va.

Jeffrey Waddill and Kelly Carlon Waddill, both '90, have their first child, a son, James Carlon, born Aug. 8, 1997. The family moved into a new home in Chester, Va., in May.

April Zimmerman Garrett, '91, and Brennan have a son, Zane Michael, born Sept. 6, 1997. He joins older brother, Adler Jacob, 2½. April is dyslexia project teacher for Frederick County (Md.) Public

Schools, and Brennan is residential plan reviewer for Frederick County Department of Permits and Inspection.

Pamela L. Miller, '91, and **John P. Malone, '93**, have a daughter, Julia Elizabeth, born Sept. 22, 1997. The family lives in Harrisonburg.

Amy Whalen Shingler, '91, and **Tim Shingler, '92**, have a daughter, Mary Helen, born Sept. 25, 1997. The family lives in Alexandria, Va.

Philip J. and Angela Cromer Clem, both '92, have a son, Aaron Jacob, born Oct. 10, 1997. The Clems live in Mt. Solon, Va.

Porter R. Graves III, '92, and Angela have a son, Porter R. Graves IV, born Nov. 15, 1997. Porter is plant coordinator and safety manager for P.S.I. in Weyers Cave, Va. The family lives in Harrisonburg.

Donna Swain McCaleb, '92, and Mack have a son, Dylan Leon, born Feb. 20, 1996. Donna received her endorsement to teach elementary level from Radford University in May 1995 and is teaching second grade in the Craig County schools in her hometown of New Castle, Va.

Timothy L. Wilson, '93, and Stacey have a daughter, Celeste Elizabeth, born Aug. 11, 1997. Tim writes "She's adorable, if I do say so myself. I'm not a very proud Daddy, am I?" Tim is a music teacher with Stafford County Schools, and Stacey is a registered nurse at Culpeper Memorial Hospital. The family lives in Fredericksburg, Va.

Sandra Whetzel, '94, and Russell Hice Jr. have a son, Russell Lee, born Nov. 24, 1997. The family lives in Harrisonburg.

Jay Hutchens, '96, and Stephanie have a son, Peyton Alexander, born Aug. 1, 1997. The family makes its home in McGaheysville, Va.

MEMORIALS

Grace Smucker Bushong, '21, of New Market, Va., died Nov. 26, 1997, at the age of 97. She was a homemaker and member of Timberville Church of the Brethren.

Nell Kersh Boitnott, '25, of Bridgewater, died Nov. 18, 1997, at the age of 96. Mrs. Boitnott received her master's degree from Madison College, now James Madison University, in 1957. From 1947-67, she taught in the education department at Bridgewater College, while her husband, **Dr. John W. Boitnott**, also '25, taught and served as academic dean. She was a member of Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. Besides her husband, Mrs. Boitnott is survived by one son, **Dr. John K. Boitnott**, '53, of Baltimore.

Velma Bowman Clingenpeel, '26, of Boones Mill, Va., died June 10, 1987. She is survived by her husband, **Lloyd M. Clingenpeel**, '27.

Paul R. Compher Sr., '26, of Waxhaw, N.C., died Sept. 20, 1997, at the age of 94. Among his survivors is a son, the **Rev. Robert R. Compher**, '59, of Huntsville, Ala.

Eugene Groves, '29, of Clarksville, Tenn., and formerly of Maysville, W.Va., died Sept. 19, 1997, at the age of 91. He was retired after 40 years of service with Grant County Farm Bureau.

Claudia Thomasson Compton, '37, of Manassas, Va., died Nov. 24, 1997.

Roland B. Lambert, '37, of Naples, Fla., died Nov. 20, 1997, at the age of 82. He served as a pilot in the Marine Air Corps during World War II, attaining the rank of

major. He retired from GTE-Sylvania as national sales manager and moved to Florida in 1987. Among his survivors is a sister, **Betty Lambert Chapman**, '49, of Winchester, Va.

William A. "Bill" Mason, '41, of Martinsville, Va., died Aug. 22, 1997, at the age of 76. He was a chemist with DuPont before founding his own business, Auto Sales and Body Company, in 1947. He also was a developer of several subdivisions. Mr. Mason was a Scottish Rite 32nd degree Mason with the Piedmont Lodge 152 AF&AM and a Shriner with the Kazim Temple in Roanoke. He was affiliated with Elks and Moose lodges in Martinsville and was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Church of the Brethren. He is survived by his wife, the former **Gaynor Alderman**.

Carroll L. Hasler, '43, of New York City, died Aug. 31, 1997, at the age of 75. Following graduation from Bridgewater, he attended Georgetown School of Foreign Service. Mr. Hasler served in the Navy during World War II and in invasions of North Africa; Palermo, Italy; and Southern France. Before retiring, he worked in the real estate business in New York City.

Benjamin E. Hoover, '46, of Bridgewater, died Dec. 3, 1997, at the age of 71. He retired after 35 years as assistant administrator and vice president of Rockingham Memorial Hospital. An active member of the First Church of the Brethren in Harrisonburg, he served as financial secretary, was a deacon and a member of the church board. Mr. Hoover also was

a member and past president of the Exchange Club, a member of the Foundation Board of Bridgewater Health Care, Inc., and a volunteer for the local AARP-IRS Volunteers. He is survived by his wife, the former **Mary Jennings**, '48.

W. Elwood Roche, '53, of Bridgewater, died Oct. 20, 1997, at the age of 68. After attending Bridgewater, Mr. Roche graduated from Madison College and served as northern area supervisor of marketing education for the State Department of Education. He also taught at Fort Defiance and Harrisonburg high schools and Wiconico High School in Salisbury, Md. Mr. Roche served in the U.S. Army in 1945 and in Korea from 1952-53. He was an active member of Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren, where he taught the Willing Workers Sunday School Class. He is survived by his wife, the former **Kathryn Miller**, also '53.

James G. Brumfield, '57, of Warrenton, Va., died Dec. 7, 1997, at the age of 63, following a heart attack. After graduation from Bridgewater, he received a master of education degree from the University of Virginia. Following a term of service, 1957-61, as pastor of Marshall United Methodist Church, he taught English and social studies in Fauquier County public schools and was later named the county's superintendent of instruction. In 1991, he retired as deputy superintendent of the schools and was elected to the county's Board of Supervisors. He served as board chair from 1991-95 and was to begin a chairmanship again in 1998. Mr. Brumfield was a former

member of the board of directors of George Mason University and also served on the State Highway Safety Commission. As a charter member of the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department and Marshall Rescue Squad, he was honored by former Gov. Mills Godwin for organizing a rescue effort during the blizzard of 1965.

Alvin T. Kline Jr., '57, of Richmond, Va., died Nov. 15, 1997, at the age of 69. He was educated at Bridgewater and Virginia Tech and was a retail manager. He is survived by his wife, **Mildred**. Also among his survivors are two brothers, **Paul M. Kline**, '53, of Bridgewater, and **John L. Kline**, '59, of Orlean, Va.; and a sister, **JoAnne Kline Mower**, '56, of Woodbridge, Va.

Noelle Zinn Neff Webb, '64, of Mt. Crawford, Va., died Oct. 23, 1997, at the age of 54, following a long struggle with cancer. She was an administrative assistant in research and development at Perdue Farms, Inc., and a member of Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. Among her survivors is a sister, **Marty Zinn-Hill**, '66, of Gloucester, Ohio.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Church Connections

From its beginning, the relationship between Bridgewater College and the Church of the Brethren has been significant. While the college was started by Brethren and primarily for Brethren, it was never exclusively Brethren. Today, as at its beginning, the college is neither owned nor controlled by the denomination. In fact, even though Bridgewater has the largest number and highest percentage of Brethren students of all the Brethren colleges, about 80 percent of our students are non-Brethren.

The close association between the college and the church has never made the college uncomfortable for others. Almost all non-Brethren students and faculty at Bridgewater would acknowledge feeling fully included. No effort is made to persuade members of other religious communities to become Brethren. All faiths are respected and encouraged. Several Protestant fellowship groups and a Catholic group on campus permit students to interact with members of the same faith. During Parents Weekend, the college hosts a Catholic Mass. There are Jewish and Mormon students on campus who find this a nurturing environment.

While supporting these separate identities in faith, the college also affords many opportunities for ecumenical gatherings and activities. The college makes no secret of its Brethren connections. The catalog and other literature spell it out. One of the affirmations of the Strategic Plan is that the connection with the Church of the Brethren will continue as a vital relationship. The college gives a special scholarship to Brethren students; it hosts educational, religious and scholarly programs on campus for Brethren youth and adults. The relationship is important, and it is nurtured.

Just as Brethren have been service-oriented and generous in their denominational work (e.g. Brethren Volunteer Service, the Heifer Project, helping to organize CROP) and in their ecumenical partnering, it is comfortable for Bridgewater College to be "Brethren," yet open and hospitable to persons of other religious communities. In fact, the college provides a model community in which a Brethren college can host – and nurture – a community of different faiths and beliefs. We are proud of the unity and harmony of our efforts.

The college's mission statement affirms values which grow out of our Brethren heritage, but those values are also shared by many of our colleagues from other religions: educating the whole person, preparing for service, leading ethical and useful lives. It is a mission both Brethren and non-Brethren can endorse.



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1998 Spring Concert Tour

March

17	Spiritual Life Institute Bridgewater, Virginia	7:30 p.m.
20	St. Luke's United Methodist Church Richmond, Virginia	7:30 p.m.
21	Bruton Parish Church Williamsburg, Virginia	8 p.m.
22	Crooks United Methodist Church Yorktown, Virginia	11 a.m.
22	Gloucester Point Baptist Church Gloucester, Virginia	2:30 p.m.
22	Monument Heights Baptist Church Richmond, Virginia	6 p.m.
27	New Enterprise Church of the Brethren New Enterprise, Pennsylvania	7:30 p.m.
28	Myersdale Church of the Brethren Myersdale, Pennsylvania	7:30 p.m.

29	Everett Church of the Brethren Everett, Pennsylvania	10:30 a.m.
29	Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren (tentative) Weyers Cave, Virginia	7:30 p.m.

April

2	Founder's Day Convocation Bridgewater, Virginia	9:10 a.m.
4	First Church of the Brethren York, Pennsylvania	7:30 p.m.
5	Westminster Church of the Brethren Westminster, Maryland	10:45 a.m.
5	Centreville United Methodist Church Centreville, Virginia	7 p.m.
19	Mill Creek Church of the Brethren Port Republic, Virginia	10 a.m.
19	Bridgewater Church of the Brethren Bridgewater, Virginia	7:30 p.m.

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